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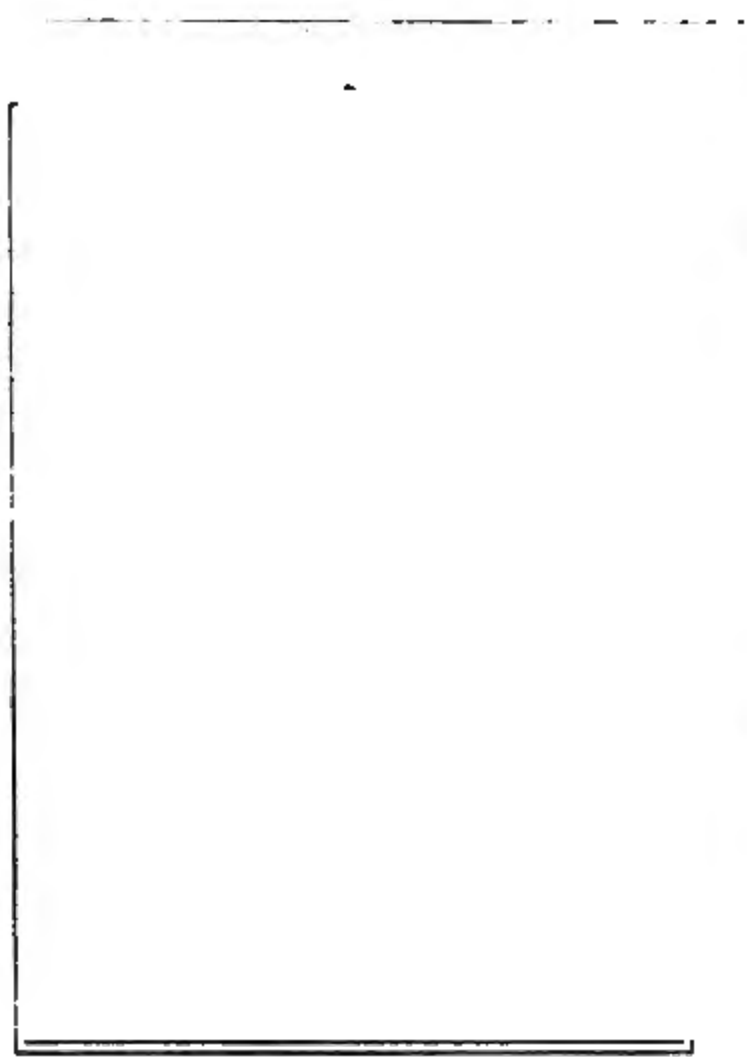
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Lansing, January 7, 1850.

This being the day designated by the constitution for the meeting of the Legislature, the representatives met in their Hall, and

On motion of Hon. Edward G. Morton, of Monroe,

Hon. John Stockton was appointed Speaker *pro tempore*.

On motion of Hon. Daniel G. Quackenboss,

Augustine W. Hovey was appointed Clerk *pro tempore*, and

David A. Rhodes was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms *pro tempore*.

The roll of members elect was then called by the Clerk *pro tempore*, when the following members appeared and answered to their names :

***Allegan*—Friend Ives.**

***Barry*—Nathan^r Barlow, Jr.**

***Berrien*—Calvin Britain, Samuel Street.**

***Branch*—Oliver D. Colvin, Roland Root.**

***Calhoun*—Erastus Hussey, Hovey K. Clarke, Nathan Pierce.**

***Cass*—Pleasant Norton, Ezekiel C. Smith.**

***Chippewa*—Samuel Ashman.**

***Clinton*—Samuel M. Scott.**

***Eaton*—William W. Crane.**

***Genesee*—Joshua K. Abbott, Dewitt C. Leach.**

***Hillsdale*—James Fowle, Henry S. Mead.**

***Ingham*—Amaziah Winchell.**

***Ionia*—Frederick Hall.**

Jackson—Joseph B. Pierce, Townsend E. Gidley, Edward L. Jones.

Kalamazoo—Delamore Duncan.

Kent & Ottawa—Philo Beers, Silas G. Harris.

Lapeer—Oliver P. Strowbridge.

Lenawee—Daniel G. Quackenboss, David B. Dennis, Frederick A. Kennedy, Philo Willson, Noah K. Green.

Livingston—George W. Kneeland, John Kenyon, Jr.

Mackinac—John W. Irvine.

Macomb—John Stockton, Harlehigh Cartter, Cortez P. Hooker.

Monroe—John B. King, Edward G. Morton, Norman Barnes.

Oakland—William Axford, Peter Dox, William T. Snow, Jacob Price, Delebar Burroughs, Marshall M. Welles.

Saginaw—Thomas McCarty.

Shiawassee—Mortimer B. Martin.

St. Clair—Harmon Chamberlin, George S. Lester.

St. Joseph—Edwin Kellogg, Asher Bonham.

Van Buren—Philotus Haydon.

Washtenaw—George Sedgwick, John Renwick, Daniel D. Sloan, Julius Movius.

Wayne—Henry D. Carpenter, Jonathan Hudson, David Sackett, Bethuel Noyes, Asa H. Otis, Iliam Millsbaugh.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to wait on the Lieutenant Governor and invite him to administer the oath of office to the members elect.

The Speaker *pro tempore* appointed Messrs. Scott and Axford as such committee, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the Lieutenant Governor was in attendance.

All the members who had answered to their names, except the representatives from the Counties of Chippewa and Eaton, then subscribed and took the constitutional oath.

A committee from the Senate was then announced, consisting of Senators King and Shoemaker, who announced that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to wait on the Senate and inform that body that the House was organized and ready to meet them in joint convention to canvass the vote for State officers.

The Speaker *pro tempore* appointed Messrs. Cartter and Mead as such committee, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had discharged the duties assigned them.

The Honorable the Senate of the State of Michigan was then announced, and the Senators conducted to seats.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was called to order by the President *pro tempore* of the Senate, who announced that the convention had met for the purpose of canvassing the votes for state officers cast at the last general election.

Senator Shoemaker and Mr. Dennis were appointed tellers, who after examining the returns made the following report:

That the whole number of votes cast for the office of Governor was 51,569.

Of which John S. Barry received	27,837
“ “ Flavius J. Littlejohn received	23,540
“ “ all others received	192

That the whole number of votes cast for the office of Lieutenant Governor was 52,586.

Of which William M. Fenton received	27,788
“ “ George A. Coe received	24,846
“ “ all others received	76

That the whole number of votes cast for the office of State Printer was 51,384.

Of which Renssellaer W. Ingals received	27,160
“ “ Hubbard H. Duncklee received	24,202
“ “ all others received	22

Senator Snow offered the following resolutions, which were severally adopted, viz:

Resolved, That John S. Barry, having received the highest number of votes cast for the office of Governor, be and he is hereby declared duly elected to that office.

Also, Resolved, That William M. Fenton having received the

highest number of votes cast for the office of Lieutenant Governor, be and he is hereby declared duly elected to that office.

Also, further Resolved, That Rensselaer W. Ingals having received the highest number of votes cast for the office of State Printer, be and he is hereby declared duly elected to that office.

On motion of Senator Summers,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed, to wait on the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect, inform them of their election, and that the convention is waiting to induct them into office.

Senator Summers and Mr. J. B. Pierce were appointed such committee.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to wait on the State Printer elect, and inform him of his election.

Mr. Movius and Senator Harvie were appointed such committee.

After a short time the two last named committees reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the officers elect were in attendance.

The Attorney General then administered the constitutional oath to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and State Printer, when,

On motion of Senator King,

The joint convention adjourn *sine die*.

HORACE S. ROBERTS,

Sec. pro tem. of the Senate.

A. W. HOVEY,

Clerk pro tem. of the House of Reps.

The House was then called to order by the Speaker pro tempore, when

Mr. Gidley moved an adjournment, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The House proceeded to elect a Speaker, with the following result:

	FOR SILAS G. HARRIS,	
Mr. Axford,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Noyes,
Barlow,	Irvine,	Otis,
Barnes,	Ives,	J. B. Pierce,
Beers,	Kennedy,	Price,
Bonham,	Kenyon,	Quackenboss,

Britain, Burrows, Carpenter, Carter, Colvin, Dennis, Dox, Hall, Hooker,	King, Kneeland, Martin, McCarty, Mead, Millsbaugh, Morton, Movius, Norton,	Sackett, Scott, Smith, Snow, Stockton, Street, Welles, Willson, Winchell,	42
FOR NATHAN PIERCE,			
Mr. Abbott, Fowle, Gidley, Green,	Mr. Hayden, Jones, Ke'logg, Renwick,	Mr. Root, Sedgwick, Sloan, Strowbridge,	12
FOR TOWNSEND E. GIDLEY,			
Mr. Chamberlain,	Mr. Lester,	Mr. N. Pierce,	3
FOR HOVEY K. CLARKE,			
Mr. Hussey,			1
FOR ERASTUS HUSSEY,			
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Duncan,	Mr. Leach,	
FOR DAVID B. DENNIS,			
Mr. Harris,			1

And Silas G. Harris, of Ottawa, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to inform Mr. Harris of his election, and conduct him to the chair.

The Speaker pro tempore appointed Messrs. Dennis and Morton as such committee, who performed the duty for which they were appointed, and

The Speaker, upon being conducted to the chair, thanked the House for the partiality shown him.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 7, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that Messrs. Finley and Snow have been appointed a committee to unite

with a like committee on the part of the House, to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two Houses are organized and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Very respectfully,

HORACE S. ROBERTS,

Secretary pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed, to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate, to wait on the Executive, and inform him that the two Houses are organized and ready to receive any communication which he may be pleased to make.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Cartter and J. B. Pierce as such committee, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them and had received for answer that the Executive would immediately communicate with the two Houses in writing.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The rules of the last House of Representatives were adopted until otherwise ordered.

The Governor's annual message was then received by the hands of his Private Secretary, and,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, January 8, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Brown.

The roll was called and the members were all present except Messrs. Britain and Hudson.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Movius announced that Hon. Grove Spencer, a member elect from the county of Washtenaw, was in attendance, and thereupon

Mr. Spencer appeared at the Clerk's desk, took and subscribed the constitutional oath, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the rule prescribing the order of business was suspended, and the House proceeded to the election of a Clerk, with the following result :

FOR DANIEL P. BUSHNELL,

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,	
Barlow,	Kennedy,	Price,	
Barnes,	Kenyon,	Quackenboss,	
Beers,	King,	Sacket,	
Bonham,	Kneeland,	Scott,	
Burrows,	Martin,	Sloan,	
Carpenter,	McCarty,	Smith,	
Carter,	Mead,	Snow,	
Colvin,	Millspaugh	Stockton,	
Dennis,	Morton,	Street,	
Dox,	Movius,	Welles,	
Hall,	Norton,	Willson,	
Hooker,	Noyes,	Winchell,	
Hudson,	Otis,	Speaker,	
Irvine,			48

FOR WM. R. McCALL,

Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Kellogg,	Mr. Root,	
Duncan,	Leach,	Sedgwick,	
Hayden,	N. Pierce,	Spencer,	
Hussey,	Renwick,		11

FOR JACOB PAINE,

Mr. Gidley,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Lester,	8
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FOR FITCH R. TRACY,

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Chamberlain,		2
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FOR WM. SHAW,

Mr. Strowbridge,			1
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BLANK,

Mr. Fowle,	Mr. Green,		2
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And Daniel P. Bushnell was declared duly elected Clerk, and

The constitutional oath was administered by the Speaker to Mr. Bushnell, who thereupon entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

The House then proceeded to the election of Sergeant-at-arms, with the following result :

FOR DAVID A. RHOADS :

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Barlow,	Ives,	Price,
Barnes,	Kennedy,	Quackenboss

Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Sacket,
Scott,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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FOR A. KING :

Mr. Abbott,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Kellogg,
Lester,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,

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FOR P. DEARIN :

Mr. Gidley,

Mr. Jones,

2

And David A. Rhoades, was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-arms.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House then proceeded to the election of engrossing Clerk, with the following result :

FOR JOHN SWEEGLES, JR.:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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FOR DWIGHT MAY :

Mr. Abbott,

Mr. Hussey,

Mr. N. Pierce.

Clarke,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hayden,

Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,
Lester,

Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Strowbridge, 15

And John Sweegles, Jr., was declared duly elected Engrossing Clerk.

Mr. Quackenboss offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the hour of meeting of this House shall be ten o'clock A. M. until further ordered.

Mr. Movius offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Governor's annual message be printed in English, one thousand in German, five hundred in French, and five hundred in the Dutch languages for the use of the House.

Mr. Britain moved to amend by striking out the word "one" before thousand in the first line, which was agreed to.

Mr. Stockton moved to fill the blank with the word "five," which was lost.

Mr. Clarke moved to fill the blank with "two."

Mr. Cartter moved to fill the blank with the word "three," which was carried.

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved to strike out "one," after the word "English," and insert "two," which was carried.

Mr. Clarke moved to strike out 500 where it last occurs, and insert 1,000, which was carried, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Quackenboss offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be authorized to appoint four messengers and one fireman, who shall receive such compensation for their services as shall be by law appropriated for that purpose.

Mr. Scott moved to amend by striking out "four" and inserting "two;" upon which the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Cartter,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,

Colvin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Leach,
Mead,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Scott,
Sedgewick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,
Winchell, 30

NAYS :

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dennis,

Mr. Dox,
Hall,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,

Mr. McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Wilson.
Speaker, 33

Mr. Clarke moved that no boy should be appointed a messenger whose father is living,

Which was lost.

Mr. Scott moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Provided, That the Speaker shall not be authorized to appoint sons of members of this House or of the Senate or of the State officers.

And the resolution as amended was passed.

Mr. Quackenboss, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House furnish, at the expense of the State, to each member of the House of Representatives, such newspapers as they shall respectively direct, not exceeding in number two daily papers.

Mr. Morton offered the following resolution, which, the rule requiring it to lie over one day having been suspended, was considered :

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan,

That the Secretary of State furnish each member of the Senate and House with the Revised Statutes of 1846, the Session Laws of 1849, and the Journals and Documents of the last session of the Legislature.

Mr. Cartter moved to amend by inserting between "of" and "1849" "1847, 1848, and",

Which was adopted, and the resolution as amended was passed.

Mr. Britain moved a reconsideration, which was lost.

Mr. Dennis, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Gen. Elijah J. Roberts, Samuel Ashman, William W. Crane and John Montgomery be permitted to take seats in this House, with the privilege of speaking but not of voting.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, January 9, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cuming.

The roll was called and the members all present except Mr. Movius and Mr. Moore.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

The Speaker announced the following standing committees :

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Ways and Means.—Messrs. Britain, Barnes, Wilson, Spencer and Hayden.

Judiciary.—Messrs. Dennis, Meade, Carter, Sedgewick and Clarke.

Internal Improvements.—Messrs. Martin, Hall, Colvin, Leach and Green.

Federal Relations.—Messrs. Cartter, Norton, Millspaugh, Gidley and N. Pierce.

Public Lands.—Messrs. Noyes, McCarty, Axford, Sloan and Root.

State Affairs.—Messrs. Scott, Kenyon, Moore, Gidley and Renwick.

Claims.—Messrs. J. B. Pierce, Dennis, Price, Chamberlin and Hayden.

Elections.—Messrs. Stockton, Wells, King, Duncan, and Fowle.

Banks and Incorporations.—Messrs. Morton, Martin, Dennis, Gidley and Haydon.

Printing.—Messrs. Carpenter, Morton, Movius, Hussey and Kellogg.

Education.—Messrs. Moore, Snow, Sackett, Sedgewick and Clarke.

Harbors.—Messrs. Quackenboss, Britain, Winchell, Strowbridge and Root.

Engrossment and Enrollment.—Messrs. Hudson, Barlow, Hooker, Lester and Green.

State Prison.—Messrs. Burroughs, Irvine and N. Pierce.

Agriculture and Manufactures.—Messrs. Street, Smith and Kneeland.

Militia.—Messrs. Price, Bonham and Sloan.

Organization of Towns and Counties.—Messrs. Axford, Beers, and Jones.

State Library.—Messrs. Movius, Kenney, and Abbott.

Supplies and Expenditures.—Messrs. Irvine, Dox, and Kellogg.

Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Otis, Ives, and Leach.

Indian Affairs.—Messrs. Hall, and McCarty.

The chair, under the resolution of the House, made the following appointments, viz: Nelson Jones, of Jackson county; Harry Weller, of Ingham county; Edwin Brown, of Lenawee county; and Samuel Lount, of Oakland county, to be messengers of the House; and Charles Taylor to be fireman of the House.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Dennis, of John Montgomery, claiming a seat in this House as a member from Eaton county, which was referred to the committee on elections.

By Mr. Spencer, of E. Towner and others, for liberty to minors to sell real estate, which was referred to the judiciary committee.

By Mr. Stockton, the claim of Richard Lawton, on account of loss in State warrants; which was referred to the committee on claims.

The following communication was received from the Auditor General:

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, Jan. 9, 1850. }

HON. SILAS G. HARRIS, *Speaker of the House of Representatives* :

SIR—I have the honor to enclose herewith, a copy of the annual report from this office, as prepared and printed for the use of the Legislature of 1850.

Yours most respectfully,

JOHN J. ADAM, *Auditor General*.

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the Auditor General be referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Clarke moved that it be laid on the table and 500 copies be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Dennis moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "that it be laid on the table."

Adopted.

And the resolution as amended was adopted.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State, which

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Was referred to the Committee on the State Affairs.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Lansing, Mich., Jan. 8th, 1850. }

To the Hon. SILAS G. HARRIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have the honor to submit herewith, the annual Report on the condition of the State Library, required of me by sec. 51 of chap. 12 of the Revised Statutes.

Your ob't servant,

GEO. W. PECK, *Sec'y of State*.

The following communication was also received from the Secretary of State, which,

On motion of Mr. Morton,

Was referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures :

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Lansing, January 8, 1850. }

HON. SILAS G. HARRIS, *Speaker of the House of Representatives* :

I have the honor to transmit herewith the first annual report from

this department under the "act to provide for statistical information," approved April 3d, 1848, prepared and printed pursuant to law.

Your ob't servant,

GEO. W. PECK, *Secretary of State.*

Also the following, which was referred to the committee on State affairs:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Lansing, January 9, 1850. }

To the HON. SILAS G. HARRIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit herewith the first annual report of this department under the "joint resolution relative to statistical information of the insane, deaf and dumb and blind," approved April 3d, 1848, prepared and printed pursuant to law.

Your ob't servant,

GEO. W. PECK, *Secretary of State.*

The Chair also announced the following communications:

STATE LAND OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 9, 1850. }

HON. SILAS G. HARRIS, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

SIR—In obedience to the requirements of law, I have the honor to transmit herewith the annual report of this office for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1849.

Very respectfully,

ABIEL SILVER, *Commissioner.*

The foregoing was referred to the committee on State lands.

STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 9, 1850. }

HON. S. G. HARRIS, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I enclose herewith the annual report of this office for the fiscal year 1849.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE B. COOPER,

State Treasurer.

Which was referred to the committee of ways and means.

STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, Mich., Jan. 9th, 1850. }

Hon. S. G. HARRIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith the annual Report of the Board of Internal Improvement for the fiscal year 1849.

Yours very respectfully,

GEO. B. COOPER,
Ch'n Board of Int. Improvement.

Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, }
January 9th, 1850. }

To the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—I have the honor to transmit to the Legislature the fourteenth annual report from this office.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant.

FRANCIS W. SHERMAN, *Sup't &c.*

Referred to the Committee on education :

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 9th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit herewith a "Joint Resolution relative to postage," which the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec'y of Senate.*

Which, the rules having been suspended, was passed.

The following communication was also received:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 8th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit herewith "A Bill to amend Act No. 112, of the Statutes of 1849," which the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, a "Concurrent Resolution relative to Rules," which the

Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

Mr. Cartter moved a suspension of the rules, and

That the House proceed to the consideration of the "Bill to amend Act No. 112, of the Statute of 1849."

Which motion was subsequently withdrawn, and

The Bill referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then suspended the rules and passed the concurrent resolution from the Senate, "relative to rules."

Mr. Movius offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on supplies and expenditures be instructed to furnish the Speaker, the Clerks, and Sergeant-at-Arms of this House, such stationery as may be necessary, and that the sum of five dollars be appropriated to each member of this House for stationery during the session.

Mr. Clarke moved to strike out all after the word "necessary," and insert "and that said committee furnish to each member of this House such an amount of stationery as they may severally require not to exceed in value five dollars.

Mr. Dennis offered the following substitute :

Resolved, That the Committee on Supplies and Expenditures be directed to furnish to the Speaker, Clerks, and Sergeant-at-Arms of the House all necessary stationery, and that the members of the House severally furnish themselves with stationary at the expense of the State. *Provided*, that no member be allowed more than five dollars for such purpose.

Which substitute was accepted and passed by the House.

Mr. Morton offered the following Resolution, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That 500 copies of the daily journals of the Senate and House be printed for the use of the members of the House until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Roberts sent up to the chair certain papers relating to the con-

tested election in the county of Chippewa, which the House ordered to be referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Stockton gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend an act to incorporate the Mount Clemens and Romeo Plank Road Company.

Mr. Roberts offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the House, viz :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be presented to AUGUSTINE W. HOVEY, Esq., late Clerk *pro tempore*, for the able and courteous manner in which he performed the duties of the desk.

Mr. Hall offered the following resolution, which was lost :

Resolved, That the Hall of the House of Representatives be opened on Monday evenings, during the present winter, for the use of the Lansing Literary Association, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Morton moved a reconsideration of the vote referring the report of the Secretary of State on the condition of the state library to the committee on State affairs; which vote was reconsidered by the House, and said report referred to the committee on the State library.

Mr. Movius offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on supplies be instructed to employ some competent person to repair the locks or furnish new ones to the tables of the members of this House.

Mr. Movius offered the following resolution, which,

On motion of Mr. Hall,

Was laid on the table, viz :

Resolved, That this House will now proceed to the election of a Chaplain for the present session.

The Speaker presented to the House a "statement of the official vote given in the several counties for Governor, Lieut. Governor, and State Printer, at the general election held on the 6th day of November, 1849."

When, on motion of Mr. Hudson,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, January 10, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Brown.

The roll was called and the members were all present except Mr. Moore.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

David A. Rhodes, sergeant-at-arms elect, and John Sweegles, Jr. enrolling and engrossing clerk elect, presented themselves at the Speakers desk and took their respective oaths of office.

. PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Hall, of Cyrus Lovell and 140 other citizens of the county of Ionia, for an alteration of the state road running through the town of Ronald, in Ionia county, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By N. Pierce, of 220 citizens of the towns of Marengo and Marshall, praying for the discontinuance or alteration of a state road through the town of Marengo, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Dennis, of John Conger for services rendered as agent of the state in pursuit of fugitives from justice.

Referred to committee on Claims.

By Mr. Barlow, of James Barber and others for division of the township of Barry, in the county of Barry.

Referred to the committee on organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Bonham, of Edmund Stears to vacate the village of East St. Joseph, in the county of St. Joseph, from block one to block forty four inclusive, which

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Dennis from the committee on the Judiciary, reported,

That the committee had had under consideration the Bill to amend Act No. 112 of the Statute of 1849, which the committee had instructed him to report back to the House, and recommend its passage.

Which, the rules having been suspended,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

Was ordered to a second and third reading and passed the House.

The following communication was received from the Senate, viz:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 10th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a “Joint Resolution relative to Documents,” which, I am instructed to inform you has passed the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec’y of Senate.

Which joint resolution, the House having ordered a suspension of the rules, was taken up and ordered to a second and third reading and passed.

Mr. Morton moved to take up from the table the resolution relative to the election of Chaplain, which motion prevailed;

And the House proceeded to the election of Chaplain with the following result:

FOR REV. R. SAPP,

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Barnes,	Hussey,	Renwick,	
Bonham,	Irvine,	Sedgwick,	
Britain,	Kellogg,	Sloan,	
Burrows,	Leach,	Snow,	
Carpenter,	Lester,	Spencer,	
Colvin,	McCarty,	Street,	
Clarke,	Morton,	Strowbridge,	
Duncan,	Movius,	Welles,	
Green,	Otis,	Winchell,	
Hayden,			31

FOR REV. MR. SANFORD,

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Hooker,	Mr. Mead,	
Chamberlin,	Ives,	Millspaugh,	
Dox,	Kenyon,	Price,	
Fowle,	Kneeland,	Sacket,	12

FOR REV. MR. BROWN.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Quackenboss,	
Beers,	Kennedy,	Wilson,	
Gidley,	King,	Speaker.	
Hall,	J. B. Pierce,		11

FOR REV. MR. TOOKER.

Mr. Cartter, Martin, Norton,	Mr. Noyes, Scott,	Mr. Smith, Stockton,	7
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FOR REV. J. V. WATSON,

Mr. Dennis,	1
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FOR REV. MR. MILLERD,

Mr. Root,	1
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The Speaker announced the result, and neither of the candidates having received a sufficient number of votes, the House proceeded to a second balloting, as follows:

FOR REV. R. SAPP:

Mr. Abbott, Barnes, Bonham, Britain, Carpenter, Carter, Colvin, Clarke, Duncan, Green, Hayden, Hudson,	Mr. Hussey, Irvin, Kellogg, Kneeland, Leach, Lester, Martin, McCarty, Morton, Movius, Norton, Otis,	Mr. N. Pierce, Renwick, Scott, Sedgwick, Sloan, Snow, Spencer, Stockton, Street, Strowbridge, Welles, Winchell	36
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FOR REV. MR. SANFORD:

Mr. Axford, Burrows, Chamberlain, Dox, Fowle,	Mr. Hooker, Ives, Kenyon, Millspaugh,	Mr. J. B. Pierce, Price, Root, Sackett,	13
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FOR REV. MR. BROWN:

Mr. Barlow, Beers, Gidley, Hall,	Mr. Jones, Kennedy, King, Mead,	Mr. Quackenboss, Wilson, Speaker,	11
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FOR REV. MR. TOOKER:

Mr. Noyes,	Mr. Smith,	2
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FOR MR. CURTIS:

Mr. Dennis,	1
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The Rev. Mr. Sapp, having received a majority of the votes, was declared duly elected Chaplain of the House.

Mr. Movius of Washtenaw, gave notice that on some future day he

would ask leave to introduce a bill "to enlarge the powers of the district board of school district number four, in the township of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw."

Mr. Scott introduced the following resolution,

Which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the pay of the chaplain shall be at the rate of two dollars per day, payable by the State Treasurer on the certificate of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Irvine presented the following resolution,

Which after some debate was withdrawn:

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to draw on the State Treasurer for the sum of six dollars, to pay John McKernan, for services rendered as fireman, pro tem., of this House.

Mr. Morton gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Young Ladies' Seminary of the city of Monroe.

Mr. Movius, of Washtenaw, gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to "increase the powers of the township of Ypsilanti."

Mr. Clarke offered the following :

Resolved, That one thousand copies of Legislative Document No. 4, (the Secretary of State's statistical report,) be printed for the use of the members of this House.

To which Mr. Wilson offered the following amendment:

Strike out "one" where it occurs before thousand, and insert "two."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dennis moved to amend by adding, after the word "House," and fifteen hundred copies of the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, three hundred copies of the report of the Commissioner of State Land Office, and three hundred copies of the report of the State Treasurer.

Which amendment was adopted,

And the resolution as amended was passed by the House.

Mr. Dennis gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate North street in the eastern addition to the village of Adrian.

Mr. Norton gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate a part of the village plat of the village of Geneva, in the county of Cass.

Mr. Hussey offered the following resolution,

Which on motion of Mr. Carter,

Was laid on the table, viz:

Resolved, That the members of the House now proceed to draw for their seats by lot.

Mr. Noyes moved the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to finance and taxes, be referred to the committee of ways and means.

Which was adopted.

2. *Resolved*, That so much as relates to public lands be referred to the committee on public lands.

Adopted.

3. *Resolved*, That so much as relates to the University and to common schools, be referred to the committee on Education.

Adopted.

4. *Resolved*, That so much as relates to the militia, be referred to the committee on the militia.

Adopted.

5. *Resolved*, That so much as relates to the State Prison, be referred to the committee on the State Prison.

Adopted.

6. *Resolved*, That so much as relates to the election of certain state and county officers by the people, be referred to the committee on state affairs.

To which Mr. Carter moved the following amendment, viz :

Strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert, that so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the amendment of the constitution in regard to the election of certain officers, be referred to a select committee of five.

Which motion prevailed.

And the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Britain moved a reconsideration of the vote on the amendment of Mr. Clarke in the following words, viz:

"Except so much as relates to the immense frauds perpetrated by the Michigan State Bank upon the State,"

Which vote was reconsidered by the House, and the amendment was lost, and the resolution passed.

Mr. Noyes also moved the following resolution, viz:

7. Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to banks, be referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Clark moved to insert after the word "incorporations," except so much as relates to "the immense frauds perpetrated by the Michigan State Bank upon the State."

Which motion prevailed, and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Noyes also moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's message as refers to the revision of the Constitution be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cartter moved the following as an amendment to the foregoing resolution, viz:

Strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert:

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Convention to form a State Constitution, be referred to a select committee of seven.

Which motion prevailed, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Stockton asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company.

On motion of Mr. Sloan,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, January 11, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sapp.

The roll was called and all the members present except Mr. Kenyon, who was absent on account of sickness.

Mr. Quackenboss asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Kenyon for one day.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

The chair announced the following special committees:

Select committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the convention to form a State constitution: Messrs. Cartter, Hall, Barnes, Britain, Scott, Sedgwick, and Duncan.

Select committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the amendment of the constitution in regard to the election of certain officers: Messrs. Stockton, Mead, Noyes, Leach, and Clark.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr Otis; of David Maiden and others for the purchase of certain University Lands in the county of Oakland, which was referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Strowbridge; of John Deneen and others to incorporate town seven north of range twelve east, in the township of Almont into a separate town by the name of Bridgeport, which was referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Street; of F. F. Perkins praying for relief for money paid on primary school lands, which was referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Mead; of James H. Babcock and 65 others of the town of Bird, Hillsdale county, asking that the name of the town be changed, which was referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Dennis; of P. Morey for allowance of his claim against the state for services rendered as assistant inspector general, in discovering, collecting and securing certain arms, accoutrements and ordnance under the direction of the adjutant general, John E. Schwartz, which was referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Green; of the supervisors and others of Lenawee county, asking the alteration of the laws relative to the collection of taxes on personal property; referred to the committee of ways and means.

By Mr. Morton; of E. Loranger and 31 others, citizens of Ash and Frenchtown, Monroe county, praying for a new division line of said townships; referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Duncan; of Hezekiah G. Wells and 60 others, residents of Kalamazoo county, praying the Legislature to revise an act passed March 1, 1845, for the construction of a certain road.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Stockton submitted the following report from the committee on elections:

The committee on elections beg leave to report—

That they met in the Hall of the House of Representatives, and on motion being made, M. M. Wells was chosen chairman of said committee.

On motion, ordered, that the organization of the committee be reported to the House with a request that the Journal of the House be corrected accordingly.

Which report was accepted, and

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The correction recommended by the committee agreed to.

Mr. Stockton, leave having been previously obtained, introduced

“A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The chair presented a report from the finance committee of the Detroit Savings-fund institute, which,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

Was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The chair also presented the following communication and report from the Adjutant and Quartermaster General:

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GEN'L'S OFFICE, }
Detroit, January 8th, 1850. }

To the HON. SILAS G. HARRIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—I have the honor herewith to transmit my annual report, exhibiting the administration, transactions and condition of this department during the past year, up to the first day of December last.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant.

J. E. SCHWARZ,

Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The report of the Adjutant and Quarter Master General was referred to the committee on military affairs.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 11, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a “concurrent resolution relative to the translation of the Governor’s message, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec’y of Senate.*

The House then took up and passed the concurrent resolution of the Senate relative to the translation of the Governor’s message.

The following communication was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 10th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a “concurrent resolution relative to printing journals,” which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have adopted and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec’y of Senate.*

The concurrent resolution of the Senate relative to printing journals was then taken up, and read a second time, and

On motion of Mr. Britain,

Laid on the table.

The following communication was also received:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 10th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—Herewith is transmitted “a bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature,” which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

The Senate bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature was then read twice and placed upon the general order.

Mr. Spencer, by unanimous consent, offered a joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the benefit of the State Normal School.

Which under the rule of the House was ordered to be laid over.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

It was ordered that the official canvass of the votes in the different counties, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and State Printer, be placed upon the journals of the House.

STATEMENT of the official vote given in the several counties of the State of Michigan, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and State Printer, at the general election held on the 6th day of November, 1849:

Mr. Winchell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire what further legislation is necessary to enforce the collection of taxes levied upon lots sold in Lansing, on the school section.

Mr. Movius, leave having been obtained, introduced a bill entitled "an act to authorize the Supervisor of the township of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to convey real estate," which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Movius, leave having been obtained, introduced a bill entitled "an act to enlarge the powers of the district board of school district number four, in the township of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw," which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Dennis, pursuant to previous notice, leave having been obtained, introduced "a bill to vacate north street, in the eastern addition to the village of Adrian." Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Morton moved a suspension of the rules, and

That the House proceed to a third reading of the "Joint resolution relative to printing journals.

Which motion prevailed, and

The said resolution was ordered to a third reading and passed by the House.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Noyes in the chair,

And after spending some time thereon, the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A Bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the legislature, and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Jan. 12, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and the members all present.

The Chair asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to change the title of the act to amend act No. 112, of the statutes of 1849, so as to read "an act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the heirs of William Mochmoer to convey certain real estate, approved March 19, 1849."

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Mead ; of Abel E. Babcock, asking an act to authorize him to sell and convey a certain piece of land in the county of Hillsdale ; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Martin ; of E. R. Chase and 142 other citizens of Shiawassee county, asking the vacation of the county seat, and the relocation of the same by the board of Supervisors of said county ; referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Abbott ; of Michael Minock and others, for the purchase of certain University lands in the county of Oakland ; referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Hooker ; of Allen L. Frost and 20 others of Macomb county, praying for an alteration in assessment of Highway taxes ; referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Dennis ; of Lorenzo Tabor and others of Adrian, for the passage of a law vacating north street in the eastern addition to the village of Adrian ; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Wells, from the committee on elections, presented the following report :

The committee on elections, to whom was referred the contested seat of William W. Crane, by John Montgomery, of the county of Eaton, in the State of Michigan, have had the same under consideration, and after a careful investigation of all the papers and testimony laid before your committee, are unanimously of the opinion, that twenty one votes given for John Monmgomery, were intended to be given for John Montgomery, it being a typographical error, and

that the said twenty one votes should be given and allowed to the said John Montgomery, which gives to him a majority of the votes cast in said county of Eaton, for Representative to the State Legislature.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Resolved, That John Montgomery is entitled to a seat in this House.

M. M. WELLS, Chn.

The report of the committee was accepted by the House.

Mr. Dennis moved that the report of the committee be adopted.

Mr. Noyes moved that it be made the special order of the day for Monday next, which motion was lost.

And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Dennis, it was carried, and the report of the committee was adopted by the House.

Mr. Carpenter from the committee on printing, made the following report :

The committee on printing, who were instructed by a concurrent resolution to employ suitable persons for the translation of the Governors message into the German, Dutch and French languages, beg leave to report, that they have performed that duty, and appointed the following persons :

Caspar Butz, of Detroit, to translate the message into German.

Louis Fasquelle, of Ann Arbor, " French.

A. C. Van Raalte, of Ottawa, " Dutch.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. CARPENTER, Chn.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

And on motion of Mr. Dennis, the report of the committee was adopted.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Richard Lawton, for compensation for loss in state warrants, reported adversely to the allowance thereof, and recommended that leave be granted the petitioner to withdraw the same.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Dennis moved that the Hon. John Montgomery be sworn in as member of this House, which motion prevailed.

And Mr. Montgomery presented himself at the Speaker's desk, and took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company, submitted the following report :

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo plank road company, have considered the same, and instruct me to report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the report of the finance committee of the Detroit Savings Fund Institute, made the following report :

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the report of the Detroit Savings Fund Institute, after examining the same, find that no legislation is required or necessary, and instruct me to report the same back to the House, recommend that no further action be had, and that the committee be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The report of said finance committee was laid on the table.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of John Conger for services rendered the state in pursuit of fugitives from justice, made the following report :

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of John Conger, for services rendered as agent of the state in pursuing Julius C. Cross, a fugitive from justice, have, as directed, had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the accompanying bill.

The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

The bill for the relief of John Conger was then read twice and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker presented a memorial of John W. King, of Rose-town, West Feliciana, Louisiana, which was referred to the committee on federal relations.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 12th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a bill for the relief of Henry A. Hayden, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec. Senate.*

The House then took up "a bill for the relief of Henry A. Hayden," which was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The following message was also received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 12th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a joint resolution relative to printing a manual, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec. Senate.*

The House then took up the joint resolution relative to printing a manuel, which was read twice and referred to the committee on printing.

Mr. Britain moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That two members be added to each of the following committees : State prison, agriculture and manufactures, organization of towns and counties, and roads and bridges.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Quackenboss offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That all bills reported from standing committees, be ordered printed, referred to the committee of the [whole, and placed on the general order, unless otherwise directed.

Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the general and earnest desire of the people of this State, that the legislation of the present session should be strictly confined to business of immediate and pressing importance, it is inexpedient in the judgment of this House to entertain any project having for its object the granting of a charter to, or the enlargement of any powers now possessed by any banking or rail road corporation.

Mr. Noyes moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which motion was lost by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Chamberlain,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,

Mr. Kellogg,
Leach,
Lester,
Norton,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,

Mr. Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss
Sacket,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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Mr. Britain moved the following amendment, viz: Strike out the words "or rail road."

Mr. Gidley moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hayden,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Lester,

Mr. McCarty,
Root,
Scott,
Sloan,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Wilson.
Winchell,
Speaker, 51

And the question recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Britain, it was lost, by the following vote :

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Leach,
Lester,

Mr. Movius,
Mead,
Renwick,
Root,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Street,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hooker,
Jones,
Kennedy,

Mr. Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell, 36

Mr. Movius offered the following amendment:

Insert after the words corporation, "or of any plank road, mining company or collegiate institute."

Mr. Meade moved to amend the amendment as follows:

"Excepting upon such reasonable and necessary amendments to rail road charters as shall be for the benefit of the public."

After some debate, Mr. Clarke moved the previous question which motion was subsequently withdrawn, and

Mr. Morton moved that the resolution and amendments be laid on the table.

Mr. Morton afterwards withdrew the motion to lay on the table and moved an adjournment which was decided by ayes and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Barnes,	Ives,	Price,
Beers,	Kellogg,	Renwick,
Bonham,	King,	Root,
Britain,	Leach,	Scott,
Chamberlain,	McCarty,	Sedgwick,
Duncan,	Montgomery,	Sloan,
Green,	Morton,	Smith,
Hall,	Movius,	Street,
Hayden,	Norton,	Stowbridge,
Hudson,	Noyes,	Speaker,
Hussey,	Otis,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gidley,	Mr. N. Pierce,
Axford,	Hooker,	Quackenboss,
Barrows,	Jones,	Sackett,
Carpenter,	Kennedy,	Snow,
Cartter,	Kenyon,	Spencer,
Clarke,	Kneeland,	Stockton,
Colvin,	Lester,	Welles,
Dennis,	Martin,	Wilson,
Dox,	Mead,	Winchell,
Fowle,	Millsbaugh,	

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And the Speaker announced that the House stood adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., on Monday next.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called and Messrs. Abbott and Spencer were absent without leave.

Mr. Scott asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Abbott, for an indefinite time.

Leave of absence was also granted to Mr. Spencer for an indefinite time.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Movius, of district board and others of school district No. 4, in the township of Ypsilanti, praying for an act to enlarge the powers of said district.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Bonham, of C. Gurney and 45 other tax paying inhabitants of the county of St. Joseph, asking for the enactment of a prohibitory law with appropriate penalties, forbidding the sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Carpenter; of Elijah Hawley, Jr., and others, of the township of Nankin, county of Wayne, for the passage of a law erecting a police court in the city of Detroit;

Of Lewis Severance and others, of the township of Huron, to the same effect;

Of G. C. Putman and others, of the township of Taylor, to the same effect;

Of I. Barrow and others, of the township of Springwells, to the same effect;

Of H. Blakely and others, of the township of Brownstown, to the same effect;

Of Alva Stockwell and 31 others, of the town of Redford, to the same effect;

Which he asked might severally be referred to the committee on the Judiciary;

And they were ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Hooker; the petition of Betsey Ann Burke, administratrix, and Hiram Burke, administrator of Elisha Burke, late of Macomb county, deceased, for authority to convey certain real estate therein mentioned;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary:

By Mr. Kennedy; the petition of T. J. Faxon and twenty-three others asking for a change in the law relative to the county poor; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Dennis; the petition of the officers of Union School District No. 1, of Adrian and Madison, Lenawee county, for certain alterations in an act entitled "An act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases." Referred to the committee on education.

By the Speaker; of Hubrecht Van Norden and 364 others, citizens of the town of Holland, in Ottawa county, praying for the re-organization of the said town. Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By the Speaker; of John Hogadon, a resident upon Salt Spring lands, for relief; referred to the committee on public lands.

By the Speaker; of James Hudson, a resident upon University lands, for relief; referred to the committee on public lands.

The Speaker announced, that in obedience to the resolution of the House, he had made the following additions to standing committees, viz:

On Agriculture and Manufactures.—Messrs. Spencer and King.

Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Montgomery and Strowbridge.

Towns and Counties.—Messrs. Scott and Kneeland.

State Prison.—Messrs. Otis and Barlow.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, presented the following report.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the Senate bill for the relief of Henry A. Hayden, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Britain asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to provide for the payment of William W. Crane, claiming a seat in the House of Representatives.

Which bill, the rules having been suspended had three several readings and was passed by the House.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of F. F. Perkins, praying for relief for money paid on primary school lands, made the following report:

The committee on education to whom was referred the petition of F. F. Perkins praying for relief on account of money paid on primary school lands, have considered the same and report the same back to the House to the end that it may be referred to the committee on public lands; and ask that they may be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject;

And the petition ordered to be referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Wells, from the committee on elections, to whom was referred the case of the contested election for the county of Chippewa, submitted a report, in relation thereto; which the House refused to accept.

Mr. Morton, pursuant to previous notice, leave having been obtained, introduced "A bill to incorporate the Young Ladies Seminary of the city of Monroe;"

Which was read twice, and referred to the committee on Banks and Incorporations, and ordered printed.

The following communication was received from the State Treasurer:

STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 14, 1850. }

HON. S. G. HARRIS, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I enclose herewith a report in relation to stock pledged by the Michigan Insurance Company and the Peninsular Bank, for circulating notes, under their acts of incorporation, accompanied by statements of the condition of the Michigan Insurance Company, Peninsular Bank, and the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE B. COOPER,

State Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the committee on Banks and Incorporations, and ordered printed.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 12th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted “A bill to vacate a township road in the township of Onondaga, in the county of Ingham,” which I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv't,

G. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

And the Senate bill to vacate a township road in the township of Onondaga, in the county of Ingham, was ordered to be referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Movius moved to take up for consideration the joint resolution relative to a donation of land by the general government for the benefit of the State Normal School.

Which motion prevailed; and the House took up the “Joint Resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government, for the benefit of the State Normal School, which Mr. Movius moved to amend by adding the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit to our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of the foregoing resolution.

This joint resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

The amendment was adopted, and the joint resolution placed upon the general order.

Mr. Irvine gave notice that on some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal No. 267 of the session laws of 1849, being an act entitled “An act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection, approved April 2, 1849.”

Mr. Morton, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the city of Monroe,

Which was read twice and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Noyes gave notice that he would to-morrow or at some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Union Society of Livonia.

Mr. N. Pierce moved that the resolution relative to members drawing for their seats be taken from the table, which was lost.

Mr. Movius, voting with the majority, moved a reconsideration which motion prevailed.

And the question recurring on taking from the table, it was decided by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Bonham,

Mr. Hooker,

Mr. Ives,

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Mr. Britain moved to amend by striking out the word "now" in the resolution, and inserting "on Tuesday, at 11 o'clock A. M."

Mr. Otis moved to amend by adding to the resolution, "and that in drawing for seats they shall be numbered, and drawn by representative districts, so that colleagues may be seated together."

Pending which, Mr. Scott moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed, which was decided by ayes and noes, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Green,
Hall,
Irvine,
Ives,

Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Quackenbosc,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
King,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. Morton,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Winchell,

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Mr. Movius gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Flint and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company.

The following communication was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 14th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is returned “A bill to provide for the payment of William W. Crane while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives,” in which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have concurred.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv't,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

Mr. Carpenter moved an adjournment, which motion was lost.

Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the State Printer be requested to forward, daily, to each of the newspapers of this State, a copy of the journals of the Legislature.

The House then took up the bill to provide for the payment of the members and officers of the Legislature.

Amendments to which were offered by Mr. N. Pierce, which the Speaker decided to be not in order.

Mr. Hussey offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the bill providing for the payment of members be recommitted with instructions to amend by striking out three dollars and inserting two dollars per day to members of the Senate and House of Representatives, clerks, and sergeants-at-arms.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Morton moved the previous question, which motion prevailed, and the main question was ordered to be now put.

The main question being the final passage of the bill, was then taken and carried in the affirmative, by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Otis,
Barlow,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,
Barnes,	Ives,	N. Pierce,
Beers	Kellogg,	Price,
Bonham,	Kennedy,	Quackenboss,
Britain,	Kenyon,	Root,
Burrows,	King,	Sackett,
Carpenter,	Kneeland,	Sedgwick,
Cartter,	Leach,	Sloan,
Chamberlin,	Lester,	Smith,
Colvin,	Martin,	Snow,
Clarke,	McCarty,	Street,
Dennis,	Millspaugh,	Strowbridge,
Dox,	Montgomery,	Welles,
Fowle,	Morton,	Wilson,
Green,	Movius,	Winchell,
Hall,	Norton,	Speaker,
Hooker,	Noyes,	

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NAYS:

Mr. Duncan,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. Renwick,
Gidley,	Jones,	Scott,
Hayden,	Mead,	Stockton,

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On motion of Mr. Wilson,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, January 15, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Abbott and Spencer were absent with leave, and Mr. Hudson without leave.

Mr. Noyes asked obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hudson until Thursday next.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Axford: of Oregon Risdon and 109 others, praying for the organization of the county of Manistee into a separate township; also the appointment of commissioners to locate and establish the county site in the county of Manistee; referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Britain: of the St. Joseph union total abstinence society, praying that the sale of spirituous and malt liquors, as a beverage, may be prohibited; which he asked to have referred to the committee on the judiciary, and it was ordered to be so referred.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Barlow, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled a bill to provide for the payment of William W. Crane, while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled "a bill to authorize the supervisor of the township of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw, to convey real estate," have had the same under consideration and respectfully report: that no legislation is necessary in the premises because townships are already clothed with adequate powers to convey real estate. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the bill do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Which report was accepted and the committee discearged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, also submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Betsey Ann Burke and others, of Macomb county, praying for the passage of a law authorizing them to convey certain

real estate, and the petition of Abel E. Babcock, of Hillsdale county, for a similar purpose, have had the same under consideration and respectfully report:

That, in their opinion, existing provisions of law provide for the objects prayed for in said petitions, and consequently there is no necessity for further action in the premises. Your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said petitions.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Also, the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the district board of school district number four, in the township of Ypsilanti, respectfully report the same back to the House and recommend that it be referred to the committee on education, and that your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

And the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Edmund Stears, of St. Joseph county, for the passage of a law to vacate the village of East St. Joseph, respectfully report:

That they have had said petition under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioner ought to be granted; and to that end recommend the passage of the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was accepted, and the bill ordered to be referred to committee of the whole House.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Young Ladies Seminary of the city of Monroe, reports that the committee have considered the same, refer it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole House.

The following message was received from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 14, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a copy of the report of the board of trustees of the Michigan asylum for the education of the deaf and dumb and blind, and of the asylum for the insane.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Which report, on motion of Mr. Clarke, was laid on the table and 500 copies ordered printed.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 14th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted “A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Ontonagon Mining Company of Michigan, approved March 28th, 1848,” which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also a “Joint resolution authorizing the board of state auditors to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton,” which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec’y of Senate.

And the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ontonagon Mining Company of Michigan, approved March 28, 1848, was ordered to be referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

And the joint resolution authorizing the board of state auditors to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton, was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Morton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Presbyterian and Methodist societies of Lansing, during the forenoon and afternoon of each Sabbath, until otherwise ordered.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Leach moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday on the bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature.

Which motion was lost by ayes and nays as follows :

YEAS:

Mr. Chamberlin, Duncan, Gidley, Green,	Mr. Hayden, Hussey, Jones, Leach,	Mr. Mead, N. Pierce, Renwick, Sedgwick,	12
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MAYS:

Mr. Axford, Barlow, Barnes, Beers, Bonham, Britain, Burrows, Carpenter, Cartter, Colvin, Clarke, Dennis, Dox, Fowle, Hall, Hooker?, Irvine,	Mr. Ives, Kellogg, Kennedy, Kenyon, King, Kneeland, Lester, Martin, McCarty, Millsbaugh, Montgomery, Morton, Movius, Norton, Noyes, Otis,	Mr. J. B. Pierce, Price, Quackenboss, Root, Sacket, Scott, Sloan, Smith, Snow, Stockton, Street, Strowbridge, Welles, Wilson, Winchell, Speaker.	49
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The following message was received from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 15th, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State, an act to provide for the payment of William W. Crane, while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The resolution offered by Mr. Clarke on the 12th inst., relative to the inexpediency of any legislation at the present session, having for its object the granting of a charter or an enlargement of any power now possessed by any banking or rail road corporation, with the several amendments thereto, was then taken from the table, when

Mr. Mead offered the following as a substitute for the original resolution and amendments :

Resolved, That while we fully recognize it to be the duty of the Legislature at all times, when in session, to receive petitions presented upon any subject, and have the same respectfully considered, and appropriately acted upon ; yet in view of the near approach of the time for holding a convention to revise the constitution of the state, and the prevailing sentiment among the people, that the power of the Legislature to grant corporate powers and privileges, should be much restricted by the new constitution, and the earnest desire manifested on their part, that the Legislation of the present session should be strictly confined to business of immediate and pressing importance to the public, it is inexpedient, in the judgment of this House, for the Legislature, at its present session, to charter any new banking incorporation ; or to increase, extend, or enlarge the powers of any banking institution now in existence.

Mr. Green moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed, which was decided affirmatively, by ayes and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Montgomery,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,

Mr. Hooker,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
Norton,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,
Willson,

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The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Dennis in the chair; and after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back without amendment,

Joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the benefit of the State Normal School; and

A bill for the relief of John Conger, with amendment, in which they ask the House to concur.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The report of the committee was accepted, and they discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The House went into consideration of the joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the benefit of the State Normal School.

Mr. Dennis moved to amend the resolution by striking out the last clause thereof, which motion did not prevail.

And on motion of Mr. Clarke.

The resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The House then took up the bill for the relief of John Conger, and the question being on concurring in the amendment made in committee of the whole, which amendment was as follows: "Strike out all after the enacting clause," it was decided by yeas and nays as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Carter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Mr. Jones,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Morton,
Ives,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell

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NAYS.

Mr. Bonham,
Burrows,

Mr. Hayden,
Irvin,

Mr. Millspaugh,
Montgomery,

Carpenter,
Chamberlain,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Green,

Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Street,
Wilson,
Speaker, 24

Mr. Clarke moved that the enacting clause be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

And on motion of Mr. Kellogg.

The House adjourned.

Lansing, January 16, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Members present except Messrs. Abbott, Hudson and Spencer, with leave, and Messrs. Barnes and Quackenboss, without leave.

Mr. Morton asked and obtained leave of absence for an indefinite time for Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Dennis asked and obtained leave of absence for one day for Mr. Quackenboss.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Hayden: of Franklin Murray, asking amendments to the statutes relative to the county courts and county judges.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Fowle: of the board of supervisors of Hillsdale county for the passage of an act to authorize said board to loan money to build a court house in said county, which he asked might be referred to the committee on state affairs.

And it was so referred.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, made the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Frederick F. Perkins, praying for relief for money paid on primary school land, have had the same under consideration, and have

instructed me as their chairman, to report adverse to the prayer of said petitioner, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Welles, from the committee on elections, to whom was referred the case of the contested election for the county of Chippewa, submitted a report in relation thereto by a majority of said committee, and also a minority report from the same.

Which were accepted, and

Mr. Scott moved that the majority and minority reports of the committee on elections be laid on the table with the accompanying papers, and ordered printed.

Mr. Britain moved to amend by striking out "documents," which did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Scott, it was adopted.

Mr. Noyes gave notice that he would on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate a portion of the plot of Plymouth village, in the county of Wayne.

Mr. Barlow gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company.

Mr. N. Pierce offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the known will of the people of this state, expressed individually and collectively, that the legislation of this session should be strictly confined to the subjects herein named:

1st. To provide by the passage of a law for the election of certain state and county officers, in accordance with the amendment of the constitution so unanimously adopted at our last state election.

2d. To provide by the passage of a law for the apportionment, election and pay of the delegates to amend the constitution of this State.

3d. To make provisions by the passage of a law for the payment of the officers of the State government.

4th. To pass such local laws as may be asked for by individuals for their immediate relief, if any such there should be.

5th. That it is inexpedient and uncalled for by the people for this legislature to enter into any system of general legislation, at the present session, in amending the laws or making new ones.

And 6th. That the members of this House are of the opinion that the length of this session of the legislature should not exceed forty days, to accomplish all the business contemplated and necessary to be performed for the benefit of the people of this state.

Mr. Dennis moved that the resolutions be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed, and they were ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. Sloan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay before this house all reports of special commissioners or boards of commissioners made to him in conformity to joint resolution No. nineteen of the Senate and House of Representatives adopted at the last session of the legislature.

Which resolution was adopted.

Mr. Noyes, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Union Society of Livonia.

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hooker asked and obtained leave to withdraw the petition of Betsey Ann Burke and Hiram Burke for authority to convey certain real estate.

Mr. Movius introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on supplies be instructed to place in some conspicuous place in this house, a time piece, the cost of which shall not exceed ten dollars.

Which resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Mead, voting with the majority, moved a reconsideration,

Which motion prevailed, and the House reconsidered the vote on the last resolution,

And the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted.

Mr. Britain moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday, on the indefinite postponement of the enacting clause of the bill for the

relief of John Conger, which motion prevailed and the vote was reconsidered by the House.

Mr. Cartter moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday by which all after the enacting clause in said bill was stricken out, which motion prevailed, and the vote was reconsidered; and

On motion of Mr. Clark,

The bill, for the relief of John Conger was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House cause seats to be provided for such reporters as may be in attendance in the House.

Which was adopted.

The House, having arrived at the general order, took up and passed the joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the benefit of the State Normal School; when

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, January 17th, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Brockway.

The roll was called and the members all present, except Messrs. Abbott and Barnes, absent with leave.

Mr. Britain asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Jones for one day.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Gidley: of A. F. Gaylord and others of the counties of Calhoun, Jackson and Eaton, relative to a state road; referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Hall: of A. H. Bushnell and others, citizens of the town of Campbell, Ionia county, for an extension of time for the collection of taxes in said town; also that authority be given to the supervisor of said town to attach a new warrant to the tax roll of said township; referred to the committee of ways and means.

By Mr. Beers: of George Parish and others, for the relief of

school district No. 12, in the townships of Cascade and Paris, in Kent county.

Referred to the committee on education.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, made the following report :

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the annual report of the Commissioner of the State Land Office, and so much of the Governor's message as relates to the public lands, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to make the following report :

That by an act of Congress entitled "an act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights," approved Sept. 4, A. D. 1841, this state is entitled to 500-000 acres of land, for purposes of internal improvement, and that only 492,504 41-100 acres have been received, leaving a balance of 7,495 59-100 acres still due the state from the general government. Most of the said balance of 7,495 91-100 acres was selected in the upper peninsula, in this state, under the direction of Governor Felch, and reported to the proper department at Washington for confirmation, but said selections have not as yet been confirmed by the general government.

Your committee are not fully advised why the commissioner of the general land office refuses to sanction the selections made by the state in the mineral regions of Lake Superior. They however find that the law of Congress above referred to, provides that said land may be located on any public land within the state, "except such as is or may be reserved from sale by any law of Congress or proclamation of the President of the United States."

Your committee believe that if the land selected in the upper peninsula is not reserved from sale "by any law of Congress or proclamation of the President of the United States," it is not offered upon the same terms of other land belonging to the general government, which is not supposed to contain valuable mines. They are also of the opinion that land in the lower peninsula is as valuable and will sell as readily as land on Lake Superior, unless the land there selected does happen to contain valuable minerals.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the selections heretofore made in the upper peninsula, be withdrawn, and that the balance of the 500,000 be selected in the lower peninsula.

Your committee also find that twelve sections of the salt spring lands, selected by the state and confirmed by the general government, out of the seventy-two sections to which this state is entitled under a law of Congress entitled "an act supplementary to 'an act entitled an act to establish the northern boundary line of Ohio, and provide for the admission of the state of Michigan into the Union on certain conditions therein expressed,'" approved June 23d, 1836, have been sold and disposed of by the general government, and were in fact so sold and disposed of prior to the passage of said law. By the provisions of said law, said land should have been selected "on or before the first day of January, A. D. 1840," and it is the opinion of the commissioner of the general land office that any selections made by the state under the aforesaid act, "subsequent to the 1st of January 1840, would be illegal; but that the circumstances of the case present a fair claim for the consideration of congress."

That Congress would pass a law allowing the state to select other lands in place of those sold by the general government, your committee cannot doubt, if the subject be properly brought before them; but they are of the opinion that we ought to have not only the same quantity, but the same amount in value. These lands are lying in the settled portions of the counties of Wayne and Macomb, and would be worth at least four dollars per acre, the minimum price of salt spring lands if wild and uncultivated.

Your committee have therefore instructed me to introduce the accompanying joint resolutions, and recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BETHUEL NOYES, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the joint resolution ordered to be printed and placed on the general order.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report :

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the Senate "joint

resolution authorizing the Board of State Auditors, to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton," report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole House, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on Banks and Incorporations, made the following report :

The committee on Banks and Incorporations, to whom was referred Senate bill to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Ontonagon Mining Company," report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill ordered to be referred to the committee of the whole House, and placed upon the general order.

Mr. Duncan, from the committee on elections, to whom was referred the case of the contested election for the county of Chippewa, submitted a minority report in relation thereto, which,

On motion of Mr. Morton,

Was ordered printed, and to accompany the reports and documents in the same case, submitted to the House yesterday.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means submitted the following report :

The committee of ways and means to whom was referred a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the city of Monroe, have had the same under consideration and report the same back to the House and recommend its passage.

The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report of the committee was accepted and they discharged from the further consideration of the subject, the bill ordered to be printed and placed upon the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mead offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this House, it is necessary

for every act of incorporation, before the same can pass the legislature, to receive the assent of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house.

Mr. Morton moved that it be laid on the table.

Which motion was carried, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Beers,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Quackenboss,
Snow,
Stockton,
Wilson,

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So the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Barlow, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company, approved March 28th, 1849.

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. N. Pierce, was taken up, when Mr. Mead offered the following as a substitute for the 4th clause in the resolution :

4th. To pass such other laws only as the *immediate* and pressing wants and necessities of the people shall demand.

Lost.

Mr. Otis moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed, which was decided by ayes and noes, as follows :

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Kellogg,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,	
Beers,	Kenyon,	Price,	
Carpenter,	King,	Quackenboss,	
Chamberlin,	Kneeland,	Root,	
Dennis,	Leach,	Sacket,	
Duncan,	Lester,	Scott,	
Fowle,	Martin,	Sloan,	
Green,	McCarty,	Smith,	
Hall,	Millspaugh,	Street,	
Hayden,	Montgomery,	Strowbridge,	
Hudson,	Morton,	Welles,	
Hussey,	Movius,	Willson,	
Irvine,	Norton,	Speaker,	
Ives,	Otis,		41

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Dox,	Mr. Sedgwick,	
Bonham,	Gidley,	Snow,	
Britain,	Hooker,	Spencer,	
Burrows,	Kennedy,	Stockton,	
Cartter,	Mead,	Winchell,	
Colvin,	N. Pierce,		
Clarke,	Renwick,		19

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Britain in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House, without amendment,

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Mount. Clemens and Romeo Plank Road Company;

A bill for the relief of Henry A. Hayden, and

A bill to vacate a portion of the village of East St. Joseph;

Also, a bill to incorporate the Young Ladies' Seminary of the City of Monroe, with amendments in which they asked the concurrence of the House, and that the committee might be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report of the committee was accepted and they were discharged.

The House then went into consideration of the several bills reported back by the committee, and,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The bill to amend the act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo Plank Road Company, was ordered to be laid on the table.

The bill for the relief of Henry A. Hayden was ordered to be engrossed and placed upon its third reading.

The bill to vacate a portion of East St. Joseph was ordered to be engrossed and placed upon its third reading.

The question then being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole, to the bill to incorporate the Young Ladies Seminary of the city of Monroe, which several amendments were as follows:

Strike out the word "to," in the first line of section seven, and insert "shall."

Strike out the word "five," in second line of section nine, and insert the words "a majority of the;" and

Strike out "shall," in the third line of section eleven, and insert "may in his discretion."

They were severally concurred in and the bill ordered to be engrossed and passed to its third reading.

When, on motion of Mr. Morton,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, January 18, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called and Messrs. Abbott and Barnes absent with leave.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Cartter: of Loren Andrews and David Noyes, asking that certain moneys paid by them to the Commissioner of the Land Office and Auditor General might be refunded.

Also of Joseph Miller to the same effect, which he asked might severally be referred to the committee on the judiciary, and they were so referred.

By Mr. : of Robert Crouse and others of the township of

Hartland, in the county of Livingston, for a special act to legalize the record of highways in said township; referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Fowle: of Charles Farley and 37 others of the townships of Woodbridge and Bird, in Hillsdale county, asking for a division of said townships so as to form a third township out of the same; referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Norton: of Abraham Hartman and 141 others, citizens of Cass county, praying for an alteration in the laws in regard to the return of taxes on delinquent non-resident lands; referred to the committee of ways and means.

By the Speaker: of Henry Griffin and others to amend an act, approved April 1, 1848, for laying out a certain state road in the counties of Kent and Ottawa; referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company," have considered the same, report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the "bill to amend the act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company," was ordered to be placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Also the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Union Society of Livonia, have considered the same, and instructed me to report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask for a discharge from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill to incorporate the

Union Society of Livonia, ordered to be placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, made the following report :

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Allen L. Frost and twenty others, citizens of Macomb county, praying for an alteration in the assessment of highway taxes, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me, their chairman, to report back to the House the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

And the bill reported back, being entitled, "A bill to amend section five of chapter twenty three of the revised statutes of 1846," was taken up by the House, read twice, ordered to be placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, made the following report :

The committee of ways and means, to whom was referred the petitions of supervisors and others of Lenawee county, praying such an amendment of the laws in relation to the collection of taxes upon personal property as will authorize taxes assessed in one county, to be collected in any other county of the state, have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report:

That section 42, chapter 20, title 5, of the revised statutes of 1846, authorize the treasurer of the township in which such tax shall be assessed, to collect the same in any township of the county to which the person so assessed shall have removed or in which he may reside; and that, in the opinion of the committee, no further legislation is necessary upon the subject.

Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. BRITAIN, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Carpenter offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, (the Senate concurring,) that one hundred copies of the annual report of the superintendent of public instruction be taken from the number already ordered printed by the House, and fifty copies of said report ordered printed by the Senate, for the use of the regents, faculty and students of the University, and that the Secretary of State be and he is hereby required to cause the foregoing numbers of copies of said report to be stitched and covered in the same manner as those reserved for the use of the library and for other purposes, and forwarded to the chairman of the executive committee of the regents of the University.

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendments:

After "hundred," in the second line, insert "and fifty;"

Strike out "fifty," in fifth line, and insert "one hundred;"

Insert before "for," in seventh line, "and that one hundred and fifty copies be reserved;"

Insert after "University," in 8th line, "and that one hundred copies be reserved for the use of the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

The resolution and amendments, under the rule of the House, were ordered to lie over one day.

Mr. Movius, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company, which had a first and second reading, and was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Snow gave notice that at some future day, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary, inquire what further Legislation, (if any,) is necessary, to secure widows and minor children all the privileges and benefits of an act entitled "An act to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases," approved March 28, 1848, and that said committee be authorized to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

The Senate bill for the relief of Henry A. Hayden, was then ta-

ken up and put upon its third reading and passed by the House, without amendment.

Also House bill number four being a bill to vacate a portion of the village of East St. Joseph, was taken up and put upon its third reading and passed by the House without amendment.

Also House bill No. five, being "a bill to incorporate the Young Ladies' Seminary of the city of Monroe," which requiring a two-thirds vote, was read a third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. Otis,	
Barlow,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,	
Beers	Ives,	N. Pierce,	
Britain,	Jones,	Price,	
Burrows,	Kellogg,	Quackenboss,	
Carpenter,	Kennedy,	Renwick,	
Cartter,	Kenyon,	Root,	
Chamberlin,	King,	Sackett,	
Colvin,	Kneeland,	Scott,	
Clarke,	Leach,	Sedgwick,	
Dennis,	Lester,	Sloan,	
Dox,	Martin,	Smith,	
Duncan,	McCarty,	Snow,	
Fowle,	Mead,	Spencer,	
Gidley,	Millspaugh,	Street,	
Green,	Montgomery,	Strowbridge,	
Hall,	Morton,	Welles,	
Hayden,	Movius,	Wilson,	
Hooker,	Norton,	Winchell,	
Hudson,	Noyes,	Speaker,	60

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The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Cartter in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House, without amendment, Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ontonagon Mining Company, approved March 28, 1849:

Joint resolution authorizing the Board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton:

House bill No. six, being a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, in the city of Monroe;

Joint resolution in relation to lands selected by the state for saline purposes, and

Joint resolution relative to the selection of the balance of the 500,000 acres of land granted by Congress to this state, for purposes of internal improvement.

The report of the committee was accepted and they discharged.

The House then took up the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ontonagon Mining Company, approved March 28, 1848, which was ordered to be engrossed, and passed to a third reading ;

And the joint resolution authorizing the board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton, which was ordered to be engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Also the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the city of Monroe, which Mr. Movius moved to amend as follows:

Strike out of sec. 4, in the second line, "as soon as practicable," and insert "on or before the 15th day of March, 1850."

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Also joint resolution in relation to land selected by the State for saline purposes;

And joint resolution relating to the selection of the balance of the 500,000 acres of land granted by Congress to the State for purposes of internal improvement;

Which were severally ordered to be engrossed and passed to a third reading.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 17th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion;

Also a bill authorizing the trustees of the Marshall Cemetery Company to convey their real and personal estate to the common council

of the village of Marshall, and to repeal the act entitled an act to incorporate the Marshall Cemetery Company;

Both of which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The House then took up the Senate bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, which was read twice and referred to the committee upon banks and incorporations.

And the bill authorizing the trustees of the Marshall Cemetery Company to convey their real and personal estate to the common council of the village of Marshall, and to repeal the act entitled an act to incorporate the Marshall Cemetery Company, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Street asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to withdraw from the files of the House the petition of F. F. Perkins.

Mr. Movius offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed, to report as early as practicable, rules for the permanent government of this House.

Which was adopted.

The Speaker announced that Messrs. Movius, Dennis, and Gidley would constitute said committee.

When, on motion of Mr. Movius,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, Jan. 19, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and the members present except Mears. Abbott and Barnes with leave, and Mr. Jones absent without leave.

Mr. Gidley asked leave of absence for Mr. Jones for an indefinite time. Granted.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Otis: of Wm. P. Patrick and Wm. Cook, for an alteration of the laws in regard to the location of the office of the adjutant and quartermaster general, and for other purposes.

Referred to the committee on militia.

By Mr. Fowle: of Harry Fish and 36 others, citizens of Hillsdale county, asking the passage of a law authorizing townships to become stockholders in plank roads, which he asked might be referred to the committee on internal improvement.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Lester: of James L. Smith and 42 others, of the county of Sanilac, for the alteration of the line between the counties of St. Clair and Sanilac.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Norton: of 53 citizens of Penn township, praying that a certain village plat in said township be vacated.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Noyes: the petition of many individuals, citizens of the county of Wayne, praying for a law chartering a company to construct a plank road from the village of Plymouth in said county; through Livonia, Redford and Greenfield, until it intersects the Detroit and Howell plank road near Stodard's tavern, in Greenfield in said county.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton from the committee on banks and incorporations made the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from its further consideration, and

The bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, was ordered to be placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Movius, from the select committee appointed to report rules for the permanent government of the House, made the following report :

The select committee who were appointed to report rules for the government of this House, beg leave to report that they have examined the rules of the session of 1849, and with the following exceptions, recommend the same for adoption.

Substitute for rule 13 :

RULE 13.—The previous question shall be in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present. After the call for the previous question has been supported by any member of the House, no debate shall be had, nor question of order entertained, and bring the House to a direct vote upon the main question.

Substitute for rule 45 :

RULE 45.—The final vote on the passage of all bills and joint resolutions shall be taken by yeas and nays.

RULE 46.—The same as rule 45 of session of 1849.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIUS MOVIUS, *Ch'n.*

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Secretary of State:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Lansing, Mich., Jan. 18th, 1850. }

To the Hon. SILAS G. HARRIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting me to lay before the House all reports of special commissioners, or boards of commissioners, made to me, in conformity to joint resolution No. 19, approved March 6th, 1849; and would respectfully state in answer thereto, that the reports named are now under examination of a committee of the Hon. the Senate, appointed for that purpose, to whose custody the same were delivered prior to the passage of the resolution of the House of Representatives above referred to.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

GEO. W. PECK, *Sec'y of State.*

Also the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 18th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Monroe, in the county of Monroe.

Also a bill to amend an act entitled an act to enable the executors or administrators of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain lands.

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also herewith return House joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the General Government for the benefit of the State Normal School, in which, I am instructed to respectfully inform you, the Senate have concurred.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv't,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec. Senate.*

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to enable the executors or administrators of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain lands, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the town-

ship of Monroe was read twice and ordered to be referred to the committee of the whole House.

And joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the benefit of the State Normal School was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Movius offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on printing be and they are hereby instructed to employ some suitable person to report the proceedings and debates of this House. *Provided*, that one of the daily papers published in the city of Detroit will agree to publish the same without expense to the State, and furnish proof sheets of the same to all the daily papers published in the State.

Mr. Street moved that it be laid on the table, which motion prevailed.

So the resolution was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. Axford offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on roads and bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the laying out and establishing of private roads, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on elections relative to the contested seat for Chippewa county and the counties thereto attached for representative purposes, be made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

Adopted.

Mr. Green gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal an act approved March 17, 1847, entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low lands; and also for the repeal of sec. 5, of act No. 205 of session laws of 1848, entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands.

Mr. Strowbridge gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to lay out a state road from Almont to Port Huron, in the most direct route.

Mr. Cartter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company.

Mr. Lester gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to attach Huron county to Sanilac for judicial and other purposes.

Mr. Dennis gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 141, of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the punishment of fraudulent debtors.

The House then took up the Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ontonogan Mining Company of Michigan, approved March 28, 1848, which was read a third time, and

The question being on its final passage,

It was passed by the constitutional majority as follows :

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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And House bill No. 6, being a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849 in the city of Monroe, was read a third time and passed by the House.

The joint resolution (being No. 1 of Senate) authorizing the board of State auditors to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton, was then placed upon its third reading.

When Mr. Movius moved to recommit the same to the committee on claims.

Pending which,

Mr. Sedgwick moved that it be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

So the joint resolution was ordered to be laid on the table.

The House then took up and passed the following joint resolutions:

A joint resolution (No. 1 of the House) in relation to land selected by the state for saline purposes ; and

A joint resolution, (No. 2 of the House,) relating to the selection of the balance of the 500,000 acres of land granted by Congress to this State for the purposes of internal improvement.

And they were severally ordered to be enrolled.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Gidley in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration,

The report of the select committee appointed to report rules for the permanent government of the House; and

A bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, upon which they had made some progress and asked leave to sit again thereon.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlin,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, Jan. 21, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Fitch.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Abbott, Barnes and Jones were absent with leave, and Messrs. Montgomery, Otis, J. B. Pierce and Scott without leave.

Mr. Kenyon asked and obtained leave of absence for one day for Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Carpenter for Mr. Otis for two days.

Mr. Dennis for Mr. J. B. Pierce for one day.

Mr. Hall for Mr Scott for one day.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Mr. Chamberlin presented the petition of the supervisors of the township of Clay in the county of St. Clair, praying the present legislature to pass an act legalizing the assessment roll in the township of Ira in said county, for the year 1849;

Also to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Clay and Ira, in the same county, until March 1st, 1850; referred to the committee of ways and means.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton from the committee on banks and incorporations made the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the petition of sundry individuals in the county of Wayne, for a law chartering a company to construct a plank road from Plymouth, in said county, to the city of Detroit, or to some plank road leading to said city, have instructed me to report a bill in accordance with the prayer of said petitioners, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill to incorporate the Plymouth Plank Road Company was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole House, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act entitled an act to enable the executors or administrators of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain lands, have had the same under consideration, report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill ordered to be referred to the committee of the whole House, and placed upon the general order.

Mr. Irvine, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to repeal act No. 267 of the session laws of 1849,

being an act entitled an act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection.

Which was read twice and referred to the judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The concurrent resolution and amendments, with regard to the disposition of certain copies of the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which was laid on the table the 18th inst., was taken up, when

Mr. Carpenter offered the following as a substitute for the original resolution, offered by himself on the 18th inst., and the amendments offered thereto by Mr. Clarke:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, (the Senate concurring,) That the State Printer be directed to cause one hundred and fifty copies of the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the printing of which has been heretofore ordered for the use of the House, to be put up in covers and delivered to the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Regents of the University, for the use of the board of Regents and Faculty of the University; and that he cause one hundred copies of the same report, the printing of which has been heretofore ordered for the use of the Senate, to be put up in the same manner and delivered to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for his use.

Which substitute was accepted and the substituted resolution was adopted.

Mr. Norton, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to vacate the original plat of the village of Geneva in the county of Cass,

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Spencer offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on printing be and they are hereby requested to enquire into the reasons of the delay attending the printing and furnishing to this House the reports and documents heretofore ordered printed for the use of the House, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Morton offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the necessity of a law to provide for the equalization of the property of the state, by the board of state auditors, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on state affairs be instructed to enquire into the propriety of repealing an act entitled an act to provide for statistical information, approved April 3, 1848, and an act entitled an act to provide for the removal of the state land office to the seat of government, approved March 31, 1849, and report by bill or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mead moved that the resolution offered by himself on the 17th inst., relative to the necessity of acts of incorporation receiving a two thirds majority of all the members elected to either House, be now taken from the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Hussey moved that the resolution offered by Mr. Movius on yesterday, in relation to employing a suitable person to report the proceedings and debates of the House be taken from the table.

Which motion prevailed.

And the said resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Cartter moved its indefinite postponement,

Which he subsequently withdrew, when

Mr. Winchell offered the following amendment:

Provided, that the pay of such reporter shall not exceed three dollars per day.

Which was lost.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution, it was not adopted, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Dennis,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,

Mr. Leach,
McCarty,
Movius,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Wilson,

Duncan,
Gidley,

Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dox,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,
Kellogg,

Mr. King,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,

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Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, "joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the benefit of the State Normal School,"

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

The speaker announced the following communication from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 21st, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives: -

SIR:—Herewith is transmitted "a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Coldwater in the county of Branch,"

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate..

And the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes, in the township of Coldwater in the county of Branch, was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole House and placed upon the general order.

The Speaker also announced the following communication from the Secretary of State:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Lansing, January 21, 1850. }

HON. SILAS G. HARRIS, *Speaker of the House of Representatives* :

SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of the reports of the Superintendents of the Poor, of the several counties in this State, for the year 1849, so far as the same have been received at this office; prepared and presented pursuant to section 33 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. W. PECK,

Secretary of State.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Spencer in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House, that they had had under consideration the report of the select committee appointed to report rules for the permanent government of House, and

A bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion,

To both of which they had made amendments, asked the House to concur therein, and that the committee might be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged.

When,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, January 22, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called and Messrs. Abbott, Barnes, Jones and Scott absent with leave, and Mr. Winchell without leave.

Mr. Stockton asked and obtained leave of absence for an indefinite time for Mr. Winchell.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Chamberlain: the petition of George Jasperson and 47

others, citizens of the county of St. Clair, praying the passage of an act making vessels liable for depredations committed by their crews when on shore.

Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By Mr. Dox: the remonstrance of J. B. Watson and 56 others against the repeal of an act for the dissolution of a certain school district in the county of Oakland, approved March 29, 1849.

Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. J. B. Pierce; the petition of A. C. Williams and 42 others for laying out and establishing a road from Grand Island in Lake Superior to White Fish River, emptying into Baie de Noquet, an arm of Green Bay; referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company, have examined the same, report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill ordered printed and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Price, from the committee on militia, made the following report:

The committee on the militia, to whom was referred the annual report of the adjutant and quartermaster general for the year 1849, report that they have had the same under consideration, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred House bill entitled a bill to repeal act No. 267 of the session laws of 1849, being an act entitled an act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection, have had the same under consideration and report

it back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

The bill to repeal act No. 267 of the session laws of 1849, was ordered to be printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Also the following :

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution of the House enquiring what legislation was necessary to enforce the collection of taxes assessed on University and Primary School Lands, have had the subject under consideration and have instructed their chairman to submit the accompanying bill, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged, The bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on printing, submitted the following report:

The committee on printing have had under consideration the joint resolution relative to printing copies of the legislative manuel, for the use of this Legislature, and extra copies of the same for the use of the next Legislature, report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

II. D. CARPENTER, *Ch'n.*

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution relative to printing a manuel, &c., was ordered to be placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to vacate the original plat of the village of Geneva in the county of Cass, reported the same back and recommended its reference to the committee on the organization of towns and counties and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and

The bill ordered to be referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 21, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a concurrent resolution relative to publishing the annual report of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, which I am instructed to inform the you Senate have adopted and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec'y of Senate.*

And the concurrent resolution relative to publishing the annual report of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, was read twice and referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

NOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Otis gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to bring in a bill to amend sec. 107, chap. 58 of the revised statutes of 1846, and to strike out sec. 11 of act No. 206 of session laws of 1848, and for other purposes.

Mr. Spencer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations be and they are hereby requested to enquire into the expediency of memorializing Congress for the passage of a law which shall place the new states on an equal footing, as recipients of public lands from the general government; with leave to report by joint resolution or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Beers gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company, in the county of Ottawa.

Mr. Root moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the bills to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Monroe, Monroe county, and Coldwater in the county of Branch.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Gidley,

The action of the rules was suspended, and the bill to extend the

time for the collection of taxes in the township of Monroe in the county of Monroe, was taken up and placed upon its third reading.

Mr. Clarke moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee of the whole, with instructions to amend; which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Dennis moved that it be committed to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to amend the same so that those who do not pay their tax on or before the first day of February next, shall pay the same rate of interest on their respective taxes which is charged to counties on delinquent taxes.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Britain moved that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary; which motion was also lost.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The unanimous consent of the House was given to amend the bill as follows:

Insert before the word "county," in section three, the words "treasurer of the."

And the bill as amended received its third reading and was passed by the House.

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Coldwater in the county of Branch, was then taken up, under a suspension of the rules, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Lester, on leave, in pursuance of previous notice, introduced a bill to attach the county of Huron to Sanilac for legislative and other purposes.

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

Mr. Bonham gave notice that, at some future day, he would ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing Levi C. Matthews, Samuel S. Riley and William R. Eck to erect a dam across the St. Joseph river on section 1, in township 6 south of range nine west, in the county of St. Joseph.

Mr. Noyes, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to vacate a portion of the plat of Plymouth village, in the county of Wayne.

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The resolution offered by Mr. Mead on the 17th inst. was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, and the question being on concurring in the several amendments made in committee of the whole on the 21st inst., to the report of the select committee on the revision of the rules, and to the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, (being No. 1 of the Senate,)

They were severally concurred in by the House.

And the report of the select committee on the revision of the rules being under consideration,

Mr. Britain moved the following amendment, viz:

Rule 28—After the word "renewed," in line 8, insert "on the same day."

Which amendment was adopted by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Beers
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Montgomery,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,
Price,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sloan,
Smith,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Martin,
Morton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Speaker,

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Mr. Britain also offered the following amendment, which was adopted, viz:

Strike out the word "subject," in line nine of section 28, and insert "decision."

The House here took a recess until two o'clock, P. M.

The House was called to order at 2 o'clock, P. M., by the Speaker, and resumed the order of unfinished business, being the report of the select committee on the revision of the rules, no further amendments to which being offered, they were ordered to be engrossed and passed to a third reading.

The bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, was then taken up, when

Mr. Mead moved that it be made the special order of the day for the 1st of February next.

Pending which,

Mr. Clarke moved to lay it on the table.

Which motion prevailed, and it was ordered to be laid on the table.

The House having arrived at the special order of the day, the case of the contested election of the county of Chippewa, was taken up, and being under consideration,

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That Samuel Ashman has been duly elected, and is entitled to a seat in this House as a representative from the county of Chippewa and the counties thereto attached for representative purposes.

2d. *Resolved*, That Elijah J. Roberts has been duly elected, and is entitled to a seat in this House as a representative from the county of Chippewa and the counties thereto attached for representative purposes.

3d. *Resolved*, That the seat of representative from the county of Chippewa and the counties attached thereto for representative purposes, is hereby declared vacant, and that the Clerk of this House be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of this State.

Pending the question on the adoption of the first resolution,

Mr. Dennis sent up the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the argument to be made on the subject of the

contested seat from Chippewa county, the respective claimants shall be heard in the following order: upon the first resolution, the claimant Ashmun shall have the opening and closing argument, and upon the second resolution the claimant Roberts shall have the opening and closing argument.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the first resolution.

The contestants, Elijah J. Roberts and Samuel Ashman, appeared in person and argued their respective claims to a seat in the House as the representative for Chippewa county.

After which,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The first resolution was laid on the table.

And the question being on the adoption of the 2d resolution, it was, after the arguments of the contestants,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis then moved that the first resolution be taken from the table.

Which motion prevailed; and after some debate thereon,

Mr. Clarke moved that the first resolution be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed, and

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The House took up the third resolution.

And the question being on the adoption of the third resolution,

Pending which,

Mr. Stockton moved an adjournment,

Which did not prevail, and

The House refused to adjourn.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the third resolution, it was decided by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Gidley,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Norton,
Snow,
Stockton,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,

Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Donis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Green,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,

King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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So the resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Morton moved that the House do adjourn, which motion, the yeas and nays being ordered, was decided as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Wilson.
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Dennis,

Mr. Dox,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,

Mr. Norton,
N. Pierce,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

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And the Speaker announced that the House stood adjourned to 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Lansing, Wednesday, January 23, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called and all the members present except Messrs. Abbott, Barnes and Jones with leave, and Mr. Hall without leave.

Mr. Scott asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hall until Saturday next.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Price asked that the journal of yesterday might be corrected in regard to the report of the committee on militia, so that it may appear that the committee recommend action by the legislature in the premises.

The report of the committee was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Britain,

Ordered laid on the table and printed.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES.

By Mr. Clarke: of J. Thompson, jr., treasurer of Albion, asking for the passage of a law to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Albion, Calhoun county; referred to the committee of ways and means.

By Mr. King: of the township board of the township of Raisinville, praying for the extension of the time for the collection of the taxes in said township for the year 1849; referred to the committee of ways and means.

By Mr. Axford: of William Mills and Susan Mills, praying for the passage of a special act authorizing them to convey certain real estate therein mentioned.

By Mr. Morton: the remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the township of Ash, Monroe county, relative to the division of said township, which he asked might be referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Martin: of Joseph House and 156 other citizens of Shiawassee county, asking the vacation of the county seat, and the re-location of the same by the board of supervisors of said county, which he asked might be referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Lester: of Samuel Lewis and 61 others, for the repeal of the act of 1849, to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection.

Which was ordered to be laid on the table.

By Mr. Chamberlain: of Stephen Rose and 22 others, inhabitants of the township of Ira, in St. Clair county, asking the repeal of sec. 4 in act No. 104 of session laws of 1849, approved March 17, 1849. Also to change the name of said township of Ira to that of Paris.

Which was referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Dennis: of John Cheeney and others of Lenawee county, for the repeal of an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands; which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 22, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State, a joint resolution relative to a donation of lands by the General Government for the benefit of the State Normal School.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 22, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is returned a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, in the city of Monroe; which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, is transmitted a bill to amend section 42, of chapter 12, title 3 of the revised statutes;

And a bill to amend section 12, chapter 70, title 17 of the revised statutes, in reference to executors and administrators;

Which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec. Senate.*

The amendment made in Senate to the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849 in the city of Monroe, was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to amend sec. 42 of chap. 12, title 3 of the revised statutes, was read twice and referred to the committee on printing.

And the bill to amend sec. 12, chap. 70, title 17, of the revised statutes, in reference to executors and administrators, was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Clarke gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the common council of the village of Marshall to discontinue certain streets within the limits of the corporation, and for other purposes.

Mr. Kneeland offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee on ways and means to examine into and report upon the expediency of amending the existing laws relative to the collection and return of taxes, so as to provide for the return and payment of taxes and the sale of land delinquent for taxes, in the several counties wherein the lands are situated.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Clarke moved to suspend the rules, so as to allow the introduction of a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in Albion and Raisinville, for 1849, and to put the same upon its final passage.

Which motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the House.

And the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in Albion and Raisinville for the year 1849, had three several readings, and was passed by the House.

Mr. Hooker gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to bring in a bill relative to town plats.

Mr. Beers, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, intro-

duced a bill to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company;

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Kenyon gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 36, title eight of the revised statutes of 1846.

The House having reached the order of unfinished business,

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The resolutions offered yesterday by Mr. Dennis, relative to the contested seat for the county of Chippewa, were taken from the table, and

The question being on the adoption of the first resolution giving the seat to Samuel Ashman,

The question was debated by members until 12½ o'clock, M.

When the House took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.,

The House was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M., and the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution giving the seat for the county of Chippewa to Samuel Ashman, after some debate thereon, Mr. Harris moved that the name of Samuel Ashman be stricken out of the resolution, and that of Elijah J. Roberts inserted; which motion prevailed by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Bar'ow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hudson,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
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Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
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Sacket,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Wilson,
Speaker.

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MAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,

Mr. Renwick,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,

Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mead,
Montgomery,
Norton,
N. Pierce,

Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Winchell,

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And the question being on the adoption of the resolution as amended, which resolution reads as follows:

1st. *Resolved*, That Elijah J. Roberts has been duly elected, and is entitled to a seat in this House as a representative from the county of Chippewa and the counties thereunto attached for representative purposes,

The yeas and nays being ordered, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss
Root,
Sacket,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Montgomery,
Norton,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,

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Mr. Hudson, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the city of Monroe.

Mr. Hayden, voting with the majority, moved a reconsideration of the vote taken yesterday on the amendment offered by Mr. Brittain, to the rules.

Which motion prevailed.

When, on motion of Mr. Street, the House adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, January 24, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

● Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Blades.

The roll was called, and the members present except Messrs. Barnes and Hall absent with leave, and Messrs. Irvine, Movius, N. Pierce and Scott without leave.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Carpenter announced that the Hon. Elijah J. Roberts, the member elect from Chippewa county, was in attendance; and thereupon, Mr. Roberts appeared at the clerk's desk, took and subscribed the constitutional oath and took his seat as a member of the House.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. King: of the supervisors of the county of Monroe in relation to licenses in said county, which he asked might be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Martin: of B. O. Williams and 139 other citizens of Shiawassee county, asking the vacation of the county seat and its relocation by the supervisors of said county.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the annual report of the Commissioner of the state land office, reported a bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the state land office to the seat of government, approved March 31, 1849, and for other purposes.

Which was read twice and referred to the committee of the whole House.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 23, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a concurrent resolution relative to election of trustees of the Michigan Asylums, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Monroe, in the county of Monroe, and have ordered the bill as amended to be enrolled.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The concurrent resolution was ordered to lie over one day.

Mr. Clarke gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Marshall and Bellevue Plank Road Company.

Mr. Clarke, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to authorize the common council of the village of Marshall, to discontinue certain streets within the limits of the corporation and for other purposes.

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Cartter, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company.

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hooker, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill relative to town plats.

Which was read twice and referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole, on the general order,

Mr. Stockton in the chair, and

After some time spent thereon, rose and by their chairman reported back to the House without amendment,

A bill to incorporate the Union Society of Livonia;

A bill to amend section five of chapter twenty-three of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to repeal act No. 267 of the session laws of 1849, being an act entitled an act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection;

A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Plymouth Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to enable the executors and administrators of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain lands;

And a joint resolution relative to printing a manual, &c.;

Also, with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House was asked,

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The House then took up the bill to incorporate the Union Society of Livonia.

Which was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of bills for a third reading.

The bill to amend section five of chapter twenty-three of the revised statutes of 1846.

Was ordered laid on the table.

The bill to repeal act No. 267 of the session laws of 1849, being an act entitled an act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection,

Was ordered to be engrossed and placed on its third reading.

The amendment of the committee to the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company, which amendment was as follows:

Insert after "Barry," in third line, "to the mouth of the Thornapple River, and thence," was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and placed upon the order of its third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Plymouth Plank Road Company, was ordered to be engrossed and placed upon the order of its third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company being under consideration,

Mr. Leach offered the following amendment:

Add to section five, "*Provided*, That nothing contained in this act, nor in an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848, shall be so construed as to authorize the construc-

tion of any part of said plank road upon any public highway, without having first obtained the written consent of all persons whose lands border upon or form a part of such highways."

Pending which, Mr Gidley moved that the bill and amendment be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed and they were ordered laid on the table.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to enable the executors or administrators of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain lands, was ordered to be engrossed and placed upon the order of bills for a third reading.

And the joint resolution relative to printing a manual, was ordered to be engrossed, and placed upon its third reading.

The Speaker announced that he had filled the standing committee on mines and minerals, as follows: Messrs. Roberts, Irvine and Lester; and had made the following additions to committees, viz:

To the committee on education, Mr. Roberts.

To the committee on Indian affairs, Mr. Wells.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, January 25, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Barnes and Hall were absent with leave, and Messrs. McCarty, N. Pierce, and Scott without leave.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. N. Pierce appeared and took his seat.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Otis: of Warren Isham, David Smart and 44 other citizens of Detroit, for the passage of some law more effectually to prevent the depredation of dogs by killing sheep.

Referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

By the Speaker: of John J. McLane and 40 others, praying for the relocation of the county site of the County of Ottawa; of Benja-

min Smith and eighteen others to the same effect; and of Grosvenor Reed and twenty-four others to the same effect.

Which were severally referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Abbott: of Stanton S. Lothrop and others, for the organization of township No. 8, north of range No. 4 east.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Dennis: of D. K. Underwood and others, citizens of Lenawee county, for alterations in the license laws.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, reported a bill to provide for the payment of Samuel Ashman while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives; which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole House and placed on the general order.

Mr. Street, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, made the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution relative to publishing the annual report of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. STREET, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the concurrent resolution relative to publishing the annual report of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, was placed on the order of its third reading.

Mr. Snow, from the committee on education, made the following report:

The committee on education met in the Hall of Representatives, Thursday, January 24th, 1850.

On motion, Mr. Clarke was chosen chairman of said committee, which I am directed to report to the House, that the journal may be corrected accordingly.

Which report was accepted.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the report of the State Treasurer in relation to banks, have had the same under consideration and herewith transmit a bill to carry out the recommendations of that officer.

1st. To empower the State Treasurer to change at his discretion the stocks pledged as security for the notes issued by the banks. This is necessary as the stocks in his possession are constantly becoming due and may be redeemed, and he should have the power to surrender such stocks and exact others as recommended in his report.

2d. To require the State Treasurer to demand additional stocks for those deposited by the banks, which were received at an estimate above their par value, and to provide that hereafter, no stocks shall be received by him, above their par value.

3d. To provide for the delivery to said Treasurer of the plates belonging to the banks, that he may have perfect and absolute power to direct and control the amount of their issues, and prevent any excess of circulation over and above the amount of stocks pledged for the safety of the bill-holder.

The committee also report a section in the bill to enable the Peninsular Bank to carry out the provisions of its charter, which required that the amount of stocks deposited with the State Treasurer should not be less than \$100,000, at any time after the first day of January, 1850. The change proposed to be made, is to substitute the first of January, 1851, by which time the stocks will be deposited with the State Treasurer.

The committee can discover no good objection against the proposed change, as no additional notes can be put in circulation until such stock is deposited as security for their redemption. It is not giving the bank any power not heretofore granted, but merely extends the time to the first of January, 1851, to deposit stocks which the original charter required to be deposited on the first of January of the present year.

E. G. MORTON, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from fur-

ther consideration of the subject, the bill (being entitled a bill in relation to stocks pledged by banks, and for other purposes) ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 24, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year eighteen hundred and forty nine, in the city of Monroe.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Also the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 24th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in Detroit for the year 1849. Also

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit. Also

A joint resolution relative to certain state property, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to return herewith a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the townships of Albion in the county of Calhoun, and Raisinville in the county of Monroe, and respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv't,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit, was read twice and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Carpenter moved a suspension of the rules in order that the

Senate bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit might be read a third time and passed, for the following reasons:

1st. The amendments merely affect the city government, and do not affect any general interests.

2d. The common council of said city have sent in a certificate, under their corporate seal, that they are desirous of the passage of the amendments.

3d. The charter election being held early in March, it is necessary, if the amendments pass, that they should pass immediately, in order that they may go into effect at the next charter election.

Which motion prevailed, and a suspension of the rules being ordered, the bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit had three several readings, and was passed by the House without amendment by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Hayden,

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The joint resolution relative to certain state property, was read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The amendments made in Senate to the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes of the year 1849 in the townships of Albion in the county of Calhoun, and Raisinville in the county of Monroe,

were severally concurred in, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. N. Pierce offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the journal of yesterday be corrected so as to read that N. Pierce was in his seat during the business or session of the day.

Mr. Strowbridge moved that it be indefinitely postponed.

Which motion prevailed.

So the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Roberts gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce twenty-two several bills, entitled:

A bill to amend the act to organize four counties in the upper peninsula and define the boundaries of the same, approved April 3, 1848.

A bill to authorize certain county officers in the county of Chippewa to perform certain duties now required by law to be performed by the board of supervisors of said county.

A bill to incorporate the Ste Marie Plank Road Company.

A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company.

A bill to incorporate the Ontonagon Plank or Train Rail Road Company.

A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company.

A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company.

A bill providing for the laying out and improving a bridle path from Saganaw to the Saut Ste Marie, to facilitate winter travel.

A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Company.

A bill to incorporate the Peninsula Mining Company.

A bill to amend the act to incorporate the Minesota Mining Company.

A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company.

A bill granting to John Bacon and John Senter certain privileges in erecting a warehouse and wharf at the mouth of Eagle River, Lake Superior.

A bill to grant saw-mill privileges on Gratiot River, Houghton county, to Amos H. Scott.

A bill to organize certain townships in the county of Chippewa.

A bill to organize certain townships in the county of Ontonagon.

A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company.

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting Company.

A bill to lay out and establish a state road from the mouth of Carp river in the county of Marquette to Little Baie de Noquet.

A bill to lay out and establish a state road from Grand Island, Lake Superior, to Little Baie de Noquet.

A bill to lay out and establish a state road from some point on the boundary line of Wisconsin and Michigan, to L'Ance in the county of Houghton, with branch roads from the latter point to Eagle River, and to the mouth of the Ontonagan river, in order to establish direct communication from the latter point to Green Bay.

A bill to revive and keep in force the act to incorporate the Ste Marie's Canal Company, approved March 17, 1847.

Mr. Morton gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate a part of the plat of the village of Dundee, in the county of Monroe.

Mr. Britain moved that the name of Mr. N. Pierce, where it appears among the list of absentees on yesterday's journal, be stricken therefrom.

Mr. Irvine moved that all after the words "with leave," in the third clause of the journal be stricken out.

Pending which,

Mr. Leach moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

Which motion prevailed.

So it was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Clarke, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to incorporate the Marshall and Bellevue Plank Road Company, which was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Movius offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That 1000 copies of Senate document No. 8, be printed for the use of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Cartter moved that it be laid on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted by the House.

Mr. Root gave notice that he would ask leave, at some future day,

to introduce a bill for the vacation of the village plat of the village of Mason, township of Coldwater, county of Branch.

On motion of Mr. Mead,

The bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, was taken from the table, and the question being the concurrence of the House in the amendments made to the bill in committee of the whole, which amendments were as follows: Insert after the word "rank," in the 8th line of Sec. 2, "*Provided* that nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to confer the power upon the trustees, officers, or faculty of this Collegiate Institute to confer literary degrees upon males educated at this institution;" and strike out the word "however," in line 8 in said section 2, and insert "further." They were severally concurred in.

Mr. Mead offered the following amendment:

Add at the end of section 2, "and subject to the approval of the Board of Regents of the University."

Mr. King moved to amend by adding at the end of section 2, "and equal to any similar institution in this State."

Mr. Hudson offered as a substitute to the amendment of Mr. King, the same amendment with the words, "within this State," stricken out.

Which substitute was accepted.

Mr. Morton moved that the House take a recess, until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Which did not prevail.

Mr. Hussey moved to amend the amendment offered by Mr. King as follows: "or that may hereafter be established by any similar institution in this State."

Which was accepted.

And the question being taken on the amendment, as amended, offered by Mr. King, it was lost.

Mr. Clarke offered the following as a substitute for the amendment moved by Mr. Mead:

Insert after the word "shall," in line nine of section 2, "be approved by the Board of Regents of the University, and."

Which substitute was accepted.

And the question being taken on the same, it was lost.

When, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain, the House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, January 26, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Barlow, Hudson and Mead were absent without leave.

Mr. Strowbridge asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Barlow, until Tuesday next.

Mr. Hussey for Mr. Hudson for the day.

Mr. Fowle for Mr. Mead until Wednesday next.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Green: of Arnold H. Coomer, asking the change of the name of a minor child therein mentioned; which he asked might be referred to the judiciary committee.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Martin: of citizens of Shiawassee and Saginaw counties asking the passage of a law appropriating highway taxes on non-resident lands, situated on a certain road running through said counties, from the village of Owasso to the forks of Bed River via Northampton in Saginaw county.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Chamberlin: of John D. Worden and 24 other citizens of the county of St. Clair, relative to the establishing the lines between the counties of St. Clair and Sanilac.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Morton: the remonstrance of Julius F. Kettle and 53 others of the township of Ash, Monroe county, against the division of said township, which he asked might be referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By the Speaker: of M. L. Hopkins and 124 others, praying for the relocation of the county site of the county of Ottawa; of Daniel Realey and 12 others, to the same effect; of Timothy Eastman and 26 others to the same effect; which were severally referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Stockton; of George Bolane and others, praying to be set off from the township of Warren to the township of Erin, in the county of Macomb; referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of George Parish and others for the relief of fractional school district No. 12, in the townships of Paris and Cascade, in Kent county, respectfully report, that they have considered the same, and find that to grant the prayer of the petitioners would involve a possible conflict with existing laws providing for the assessment and collection of taxes, and they therefore submit that the committee of ways and means would be a more appropriate reference of the subject. They therefore ask to be discharged from the consideration of said petition, that it may be so referred.

Which report was accepted and the petition in question was referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Carpenter from the committee on printing, submitted the following report:

The committee on printing, to whom was referred Senate bill entitled a bill to amend section 42, chapter 12, title 3, of the revised statutes, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, ask leave to submit the accompanying substitute therefor, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

H. D. CARPENTER.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject and the substitute for a bill to amend section 42, chapter 12, title 3, of the revised statutes, was read twice and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred the petition of Origin Risdan and others, asking the organization of a certain township and the appointment of com-

missioners to locate the seat of justice of the county of Manistee, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the following bill.

WM. AXFORD, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill reported back being entitled a bill relative the county of Manistee, read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

And the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill to attach the county of Huron to Sanilac for legislative and judicial purposes, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. AXFORD, *Ch'n.*

Which was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill reported back being entitled a bill to attach the county of Huron to Sanilac for legislative and other purposes, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Also the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Rose and others, asking the repeal of a certain act, have had the same under consideration. Also have had the petition of James H. Babcock and others, asking the change of the name of a certain township therein named, under consideration, and have instructed me to report the following bill.

Respectfully,

WM. AXFORD, *Ch'n.*

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill reported back, being entitled a bill to repeal sec. 4 of act No. 104 of the session laws of 1849, and also to repeal act No. 256 of the session laws of 1849, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

And the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom

was referred a bill to vacate the original plat of the village of Geneva, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

Which was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill reported back being a bill to vacate the original plat of the village of Geneva, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Price, from the committee on militia, submitted the following report:

The committee on militia, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Patrick and Wm. Cook, praying for the removal of the adjutant and quartermaster general's office to Lansing, have had the same under consideration, and report adverse to the petition, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

JACOB PRICE, Ch'n.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred the petition of the supervisors of Monroe county asking that moneys received for licenses to taverns, &c., may be retained and used in the several townships of said county where it is received, have had the same under consideration and report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill reported back, being entitled a bill in relation to moneys received in the county of Monroe, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Hooker, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, in the townships of Albion in the county of Calhoun, and Raisinville and Frenchtown in the county of Monroe.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred Senate bill No. 9, to amend section 12, chapter 70, title 17, revised statutes, have had the same under consideration and report it back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill to amend section 12, chapter 70, title 17 of the revised statutes in reference to executors and administrators, read twice, referred to the committee of the whole House and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the common council of the village of Marshall to vacate certain streets in said village, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration and have made an amendment thereto in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked. Your committee recommend the passage of the bill and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the bill to authorize the common council of the village of Marshall to vacate certain streets in said village, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

And the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to vacate a portion of the plat of the village of Plymouth, have had the same under consideration, and report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill to vacate a portion of the plat of Plymouth village in the county of Wayne, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on state affairs, submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs to whom was referred the memorial

of the board of supervisors of Hillsdale county, asking the passage of an act authorizing said board to loan money for the purpose of defraying the expenses of building a court house in said county and the necessary county offices, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report a bill in accordance with the prayer of the memorialists, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill to authorize the supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house in said county, was read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole House and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, made the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom the same was referred, have had under consideration Senate bill to vacate a township road in the township of Onondaga, in the county of Ingham, report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill reported back, read twice, ordered to be placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on state affairs, submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George Jasperson and 47 others, citizens of St. Clair county, praying the passage of an act making vessels liable for depredations committed by their crews while on shore, have had the same under consideration, and from matters and sober facts set forth in said petition, have arrived at the following conclusions: 1st. That vessels sometimes unfortunately get wind-bound in the St. Clair River. 2nd. That the crews belonging to said wind-bound vessels, not having the fear of the law before their eyes, and in the emphatic language of the petitioners, "not observing the seventh commandment," are in the habit of going on shore, and stealing the peaches, apples and melons belonging to those living upon the borders of said river; in consequence of which, as they say, the enjoyment of their lives is very

materially diminished. But your committee, on a careful examination of the subject, were of the opinion that existing laws afford them ample protection. Yet, this being an extraordinary case, inasmuch as some of the petitioners assure us that unless something is done for them by the legislature, they will be under the hard necessity of leaving for parts unknown, and none of your committee being of the legal profession, but being well aware that gentlemen of that profession are generally men of genius and fertile in expedients, and being anxious that some plan should be adopted to secure to the petitioners the fruits of their vines and their peach trees, the committee have directed me to report the petition back to the House, and recommend that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary; and that your committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. SCOTT, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the question being on the reference of the petition, it was,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to present a bill to provide for the collection of taxes in certain cases.

Which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred the petition of supervisors of Clay township, for legalization of the assessment roll of said township, reported that they had had the same under consideration and reported a bill, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill reported back being entitled a bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Ira in the county of St. Clair, and to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Ira and Clay for the year 1849, was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole House and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in Detroit, for the year 1849, reported the same back without amendment, recommended its passage and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

And the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in Detroit was read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

And the following:

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, to whom were referred petitions for the extension of time for the payment of taxes in the township of Raisinville, in the county of Monroe, and in the township of Albion, in Calhoun county, have instructed me to report, that bills for the same purpose have already been introduced by the consent of the House. Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Britain from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred the petition of A. H. Bushnell and others, of the township of Campbell in Ionia county, asking an extension of the time for the collection of taxes in said township, and also that authority be given the supervisor of said town to attach a new warrant to the tax roll of said township, reported a bill for that purpose, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill reported, being entitled a bill to authorize the supervisor of the township of Campell in the county of Ionia, to renew the warrant for the collection of taxes in said township, was read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

• The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 26, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the townships of Albion in the county of Calhoun, and Raisinville and Frenchtown in the county of Monroe.

JNO. S. BARRY.

And the following communication from the Attorney General:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, }
Lansing, Mich., January, 1850. }

HON. SILAS G. HARRIS, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

Sir—I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of the annual report of this office printed as is required by law.

Very respectfully,

Yours, &c.,

GEO. V. N. LOTHROP,

Attorney General.

The annual report of the Attorney General was ordered to be laid on the table.

And the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 25th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Pulaski in the county of Jackson for the year 1849, which I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv't.

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Pulaski, in the county of Jackson, for the year 1849, was referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Snow asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Morton, by unanimous consent of the House, introduced a bill to vacate a part of the village plat of Dundee, in the county of

Monroe, which he asked might be referred to the committee on the judiciary. It was ordered to be so referred.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on printing be instructed to report a bill to repeal an act entitled an act relative to state printing, and that said committee enquire into the expediency of providing forthwith for the restoration of the contract system.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Movius gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the German Society of Saginaw.

Mr. Dennis moved a suspension of the rules in order to take up the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit for the year 1849.

Which motion prevailed by unanimous consent, and the above named bill was read a third time and passed by the House without amendment.

Mr. Morton asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Erie, Monroe county.

Mr. Sedgewick moved a suspension of the rules, in order to put the same on its final passage.

Which motion prevailed, and the bill received three several readings and was passed by the House.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Cartter in the chair;

And after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration,

A bill to legalize the assessment roll of the town of Ira in the county of St. Clair, and to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Ira and Clay for the year 1849, to which they had made an amendment, and asked the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, without amendment, a bill to authorize the supervisor of the township of Campbell in the county of Ionia, to renew the warrant for the collection of taxes in said township.

And a bill to provide for the payment of Samuel Ashman while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the amendment made to the first named bill, which amendment was as follows: "Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the several treasurers aforesaid, before they shall be entitled to any of the benefits of this act, to pay over all moneys collected in the lifetime of their warrants, as is now provided by law, and to the satisfaction of the treasurer of the county of St. Clair," was concurred in, and the same being under consideration of the House,

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment, viz: strike out the first section of the bill.

Which was lost.

Mr. Scott offered the following amendment, viz: "Sec. 5. A transcript of all unpaid taxes returned to the county treasurer in pursuance of the foregoing provisions, shall be returned to the Auditor General on or before the first day of April, 1850, and such unpaid taxes shall be collected in the same manner and with interest, computed from the same time as other taxes for the year 1849, duly returned to the Auditor General."

Which amendment was adopted.

A suspension of the rules,

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

Being ordered, the bill was then put upon its final passage, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dox,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Irvine,,
Ives,
Jones,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Smith,
Stockton,
Street,
Speaker,

NAYS.

Mr. Bonham,	Mr. Kellogg,	Mr. Scott,	
Cartter,	Kennedy,	Sedgwick,	
Clarke,	Kenyon,	Sloan,	
Dennis,	Leach,	Snow,	
Duncan,	Montgomery,	Spencer,	
Fowle,	Movius,	Welles,	
Hussey,	N. Pierce,	Wilson,	21

The House then took up, under the suspension of the rules, and passed

The bill to authorize the supervisor of the township of Campbell, in the county of Ionia, to renew the warrant for the collection of taxes in said township; and

The bill to provide for the payment of Samuel Ashman, while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Snow,

The House adjourned.

And the Speaker announced that the House stood adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. on Monday.

Lansing, Monday, January 28, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Barlow, Barnes and Mead absent with leave and Messrs. Carpenter, Hudson and Winchell without leave.

Mr. Otis asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Carpenter for an indefinite time.

Mr. Strowbridge for Mr. Hudson for an indefinite time.

Mr. Kneeland for Mr. Winchell for the day.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Jones: of Asa Taylor and 87 other inhabitants and legal voters of the township of Rives, Jackson county, praying the legislature to repeal the act of 1849, dividing said town of Rives; which he asked might be referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Otis: of Charles Ward and 59 other residents of Greenfield in the county of Wayne, asking the passage of a law to prevent dogs from doing damage.

Referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

By Mr. Martin: of B. W. Dennis and 77 others; and the petition of R. B. Hall and 130 others, citizens of Shiawassee county, asking the vacation of the county seat and its re-location by the supervisors of said county, which he asked might be referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. J. B. Pierce: of John H. Child for relief and payment of a claim for a balance due him for certain services rendered upon the main road from Lansing in Ingham county to Jackson in Jackson county, and accompanying documents.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Lester: of E. A. Brush and 56 others, citizens of Detroit and Wayne county, for the repeal of an act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection, passed 1849.

Which was ordered to be laid on the table

By Mr. Scott: of citizens of Ingham, Clinton and Shiawassee counties asking an appropriation of nonresident highway taxes on the state road leading from the village of Lansing in Ingham county to the village of Flushing in Genesee county, which he asked might be referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By the Speaker: of John McLane and 45 others, relative to the sale and reduction in price of certain salt spring lands.

Referred to the committee on public lands.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton from the committee on banks and incorporations submitted the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bills to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company, the Marshall and Bellevue Plank Road Company, and the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company, report the same back to the House, recommended their passage and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bills reported back as above, were severally read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties made the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred the petition of George Boland and others, praying to be set off from the township of Huren to the township of Erin, in the county of Macomb, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report adverse to the prayer of said petitioners and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Also the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill in relation to town plats, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill relative to town plats, was then read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

And the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred three several petitions praying for the organization of certain townships therein named, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill reported back, being entitled a bill to organize certain towns therein named, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to

amend chapter 93, of the revised statutes of 1846, and in addition thereto;

And a bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts and for other purposes, approved April 2d, 1849, which were severally read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred a bill from the Senate to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Pulaski in the county of Jackson, for the year 1849, reported the same back without amendment and recommended its passage.

And the bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Pulaski in the county of Jackson was read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 28, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a bill to amend section 65, chapter 16 of the revised statutes of 1846. Also,

A bill to authorize Harriet A. Bassett, and La Fayette Bassett, of the county of Branch, to convey certain real estate. And

A bill to authorize the district board of school district No. 1, in the township of Flint, in Genesee county, to graduate the price of tuition.

All of which, I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec'y of Senate.*

The bill to amend section 65 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes of 1846, and the bill to authorize Harriet A. Bassett and La Fayette Bassett of the county of Branch, to convey certain real estate, were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

And the bill to authorize the district board of school district No. 1, in the township of Flint in Genesee county, to graduate the price of tuition, was referred to the committee on education.

Also, the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 28, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to return herewith, “a bill to provide for the payment of Samuel Ashman, while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives;”

And, “a bill to authorize the supervisors of the township of Campbell in the county of Ionia, to renew the warrant for the collection of taxes in said township,” and respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Herewith is transmitted also, “a bill to provide for holding terms of the circuit court in the counties of Ingham and Eaton,”

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate..

The two first named bills were ordered to be enrolled, and the last named bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing section twelve of chapter 65, title 14 of the revised statutes, page 263, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hayden offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this House adjourns it will adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to morrow morning, and at 9 o'clock on each succeeding day, Sunday's excepted, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Montgomery gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize C. C. Darling and B. F. Bailey to construct a dam across the Grand River, on the south west quarter of sec. 24, township 3 north, range 3 west.

Mr. Ives gave notice that he would, on a future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to organize the township of Pine, in Allegan county.

Mr. Movius offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, a resolution has been adopted by the Senate, calling upon the Secretary of the board of Regents for information in respect to a pretended claim against said board by Jonathan Kearsly, one of the members thereof: and

Whereas, it is believed that said pretended claim amounts to the enormous sum of nine thousand dollars and over, and is at least of doubtful validity: and

Whereas, the fund of the University being dedicated to a particular purpose, it is the sacred duty of the Representatives of the people to guard against its misapplication, therefore

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter, and ascertain all the facts in relation thereto, and report at as early a day as practicable.

Resolved, That the arbitrators before whom said claim is now pending, be requested to furnish this House, for the use of said committee, a copy of the testimony taken in the matter, and all such information as may be in their possession, in relation thereto, and that said arbitrators be requested to suspend further proceedings therein until said committee have investigated the matter, and communicated to said arbitrators and reported to the House such facts and evidence as they may elicit bearing on the subject matter of said pretended claim.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to said arbitrators.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dox,
Fowle,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
Price,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hooker,
Kollogg,
Montgomery,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,

Mr. Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,

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Mr. Scott offered the following concurrent resolution, which under the rule, lays over one day:

Whereas, The proprietors of those portions of the town plat of the village of Lansing, lying on either side of the school section, have subscribed or propose to subscribe for sufficient stock in the Jackson and Lansing plank road company to build from five to ten miles of said road, and

Whereas, It is deemed proper that the State as proprietor, in trust for the school fund, of section 16, should contribute in some way towards aiding in the construction of said road at least through the school section; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the State Treasurer, Auditor General and Secretary of State, in case of sufficient stock being subscribed by the proprietors of section nine and twenty one and others in the town of Lansing, to build five or ten miles of plank road, commencing at or near the lower bridge in the village of Lansing, or at the south line of the school section, shall be and they are hereby authorized to cause to be built a single or double track of plank road through the said school section, by subscription of stock or otherwise, as they shall deem most for the interest of the state and of the school fund.

Mr. Kenyon gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section 176 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

The annual report of the Attorney General was taken from the table and referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The bill to amend section 5, of chapter 23, of the revised statutes,

(being House bill, No. 8,) was taken from the table and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The report of the committee on the organization of towns and counties on the petition of George Boland, together with said petition, were laid on the table.

The House having arrived at the order of

BILLS FOR A THIRD READING,

The "bill to incorporate the Union Society of Livonia," was taken up, received its third reading, and passed without amendment, by the following vote :

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Wilson,
Speaker.

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And the "bill to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company," was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

And the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

And the House having taken up the "bill to repeal act No. 267 of the session laws of 1849," being an act entitled an act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection. Mr. Roberts moved to lay it on the table, which motion did not prevail, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,Mr. Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Roberts,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Beers
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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The bill was then read a third time, and the question being on its final passage, it was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Wilson,
Speaker.

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And the same was ordered to be engrossed.

The Senate joint resolution relative to printing a manual for the use of the present Legislature, was also taken up, received its third reading and was passed by the House.

And a bill to incorporate the Plymouth Plank Road Company was passed by a two thirds vote.

The House also took up a concurrent resolution relative to publishing the annual report of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, which was read a third time and adopted.

Also Senate bill entitled "a bill to amend an act entitled an act to enable the executors and administrators of the estate of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain land, approved March 31, 1849," was taken up, read a third time and was passed by the House.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up for consideration the "bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion," and the question being on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

In section 5. line 1, after the word "acts," insert "relating to the Spring Arbor Seminary," or "the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion."

Which amendment was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Movius,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,

Mr. Roberts.
Root,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Street,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Jones,
Ke'logg,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Wilson,

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On motion of Mr. Morton,

The House here took a recess until 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order at 2 o'clock by the Speaker, and resumed the consideration of the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, to which Mr. Sloan offered the following amendment:

“And be it further enacted, that it shall be the duty of the trustees and faculty of the said Female Collegiate Institute, to make a report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on or before the first day of December in each and every year; the said report shall give a true statement of the number of students received into said institute for the year past, also the different branches taught in said institute, the number of students in each class, also the number of students on whom degrees or literary honors have been conferred, together with a general account of the condition of said institute. The Superintendent of Public Instruction on receiving said report shall embody the same in his annual report to the Legislature of this State.”

Mr. Movius offered the following as a substitute, which was accepted:

The board of visitors of the Wesleyan Seminary shall once in each year make a personal examination into the state of said Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute, and all its departments, and report the result to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, suggesting such improvements as they may deem important, which report shall be transmitted to the Legislature at their next annual session.

And the amendment as substituted was adopted.

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment to the amendment of Mr. Movius:

Strike out “shall be transmitted,” and insert, “he may in his discretion embody in his annual report to,” which was accepted, and the amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

In section 5, line 1, after parts of acts. insert “relating to the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion;” which was adopted.

Mr. Sedgewick offered the following amendment:

Amend section 6 by adding at the end of the word "passage," the words "and shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 55 of the revised statutes of 1846;" which was lost.

Mr. Hussey offered the following amendment:

Amend section 1, line 4, by adding the letter "s" to institution, which was adopted.

Mr. Britain also offered the following amendment: "This incorporation shall be subject to the provisions of chap. 55 of the revised statutes, so far as the same may be consistent with the provisions of this act," to stand as a separate section.

Which was adopted.

And no further amendments being offered, the bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. N. Pierce,
Axford,	Jones,	Price,
Beers,	Kellogg,	Quackenboss,
Bonham,	Kennedy,	Renwick,
Britain,	Kenyon,	Roberts,
Burrows,	King,	Root,
Cartter,	Kneeland,	Sackett,
Colvin,	Leach,	Sloan,
Clarke,	Martin,	Smith,
Dox,	McCarty,	Snow,
Duncan,	Millspaugh,	Stockton,
Fowle,	Montgomery,	Street,
Gidley,	Morton,	Strowbridge,
Green,	Movius,	Welles,
Hayden,	Noyes,	Wilson.
Hussey,	Otis,	Speaker,
Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,	50

NAYS:

Mr. Dennis,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Spencer,
Hooker,	Sedgewick,	5

Mr. Hooker, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill to provide for the payment of Samuel Ashman while claiming a seat in the House of Representatives, and a bill to authorize the supervisor of the township of Camp-

bell in the county of Ionia, to renew the warrant for the collection of taxes in said township.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Movius in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported, back to the House, without amendment,

"A bill to provide for the collection and payment of taxes assessed upon sold and part paid for university and primary school lands;" and "a bill to amend section 12, chapter 70, title 17 of the revised statutes in reference to executors and administrators."

Also, with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked, a bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the state land office to the seat of government, approved March 31, 1849, and for other purposes;

And a bill in relation to stocks pledged by banks, and for other purposes,

And ask that the committee might be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The House adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday morning.

Lansing, Tuesday, January 29, 1850.

The House met at 9 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Barlow, Barnes, Carpenter, and Hudson absent with leave, and Messrs. Colvin, Movius, Scott and Winchell without leave.

On motion of Mr. Roberts,

The rule requiring the reading of the journal, was suspended, and the reading dispensed with.

The Speaker announced the appointment as the select committee on the resolutions in regard to the claim of Jonathan Kearsly, of Messrs. Movius, Irvine and Hayden.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Martin: of Samuel Hunt and others, of Byron, for the passage of a law vacating Washington street in said village.

Referred to the judiciary committee.

By Mr. Jones: of Benj. Porter, praying for the payment of the amount due him on account of building state capitol, which he asked might be referred to the committee on claims.

It was ordered to be so referred.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company, have considered the same, report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Clark, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of school district No. 4, in the township of Ypsilanti asking for power to graduate the price of tuition according to the studies pursued by the scholars in their school; and a similar petition of school district No. 1, in the townships of Adrian and Madison, praying also for an amendment of the act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases, approved March 31, 1849, respectfully report:

That in the judgment of your committee, the prayer of the petitioners asking for power to graduate the price of tuition in their respective districts, with reference to the studies pursued by the scholars respectively, ought to be granted. And as the same reasons which justify the granting of these applications apply equally to all school districts in which the schools have been or may be classified, as provided in section 92 or 93 of chapter 58 of the revised statutes, I have been directed to prepare a bill to accomplish that object.

The amendment desired to the act of 1849, the object of which is

to prevent the diminishing of the boundaries of any school district, availing themselves of that act, without the consent of the enlarged district board, your committee deem reasonable; and I accordingly report a bill to provide for the graduation of the price of tuition in certain school districts, and to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases, approved March 31, 1849;

And ask that the committee may be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, and the committee so discharged.

And the bill to provide for the graduation of the price of tuition in certain school districts, and to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases, approved March 31, 1849, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Kenyon, by unanimous consent of the House, presented three several petitions from citizens of Livingston county, asking for a law authorizing the construction of a plank road from the village of Ann Arbor in the county of Washtenaw, to the village of Flint in the county of Genesee.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hayden asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the township of Hamilton, Van Buren county.

On motion of Mr. Mr. Morton,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, the bill was read three several times, passed by the House and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stockton asked and obtained leave of absence for an indefinite time for Mr. Winchell. Also for Mr. Hooker for the day.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 23, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith, a bill to extend the time

for the collection of taxes in the township of Erie, Monroe county;

Also, a bill to vacate a portion of the village of East St. Joseph, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

I am also instructed to transmit herewith, the following entitled bills, viz:

A bill to repeal an act entitled an act for the dissolution of certain school districts in the county of Oakland, approved March 29, 1849;

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849 in the township of Jackson in the county of Jackson, and in the township of Gross Point in the county of Wayne;

And a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Galesburg and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, approved March 31, 1849; which the Senate have passed, the two first named by a majority, and the last named by a two two-thirds vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Erie, Monroe county, and the bill to vacate a portion of the village of East St. Joseph, were severally ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to repeal an act entitled an act for the dissolution of certain school districts in the county of Oakland, approved March 29, 1849, was referred to the committee on education.

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the township of Jackson in the county of Jackson, and in the township of Gross Point in the county of Wayne, was referred to the committee of ways and means.

And the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Galesburg and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, approved March 31, 1849, was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Spencer moved that House bill No. 11 be taken from the table.

Which motion prevailed.

The chair stated that the bill in question belonged to the order of unfinished business, and would come up in its regular order.

Mr. Duncan gave notice that on some future day he would intro-

duce a joint resolution to promote the interest of agriculture in this state.

Mr. Montgomery, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize C. C. Darling and B. F. Baily to erect a dam across the Grand River.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Kenyon, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to amend sec. 176 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Strowbridge, pursuant to previous notice, by consent of the House, introduced a bill to lay out a state road from Almont in Lapeer county, to port Huron in St. Clair county.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Morton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so changing existing laws for assessing taxes, as to compel every taxpayer to make out a list and the amount of his personal property, and make oath to the correctness of the same.

The House having reached the order of unfinished business, took up House bill No. 11, being a bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company.

And the question being on concurring in the report of the committee of the whole, the same was concurred in.

Mr. Leach offered an amendment, which, after some debate, he withdrew.

When Mr. Otis offered the following amendment, to stand at the end of section 5:

"Provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt said Company from paying township and county taxes on their capital stock in each town and county that said road may run through."

Which was lost.

And no further amendments being offered to the bill it was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading.

The House then took up the concurrent resolution relative to the election of trustees of the Michigan Asylums, which was read twice,

ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading.

The report of the select committee appointed to report permanent rules for the government of the House was then taken up, and the question being on the amendment of Mr. Britain to rule 28, adopted by a vote of the House on the 22d inst., which said vote was,

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

Reconsidered on the 23d inst.,

The said amendment was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Sloan,
Smith,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

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NAYS:

Mr. Beers,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Green,
Hooker,
Kellogg,

Mr. Kenyon,
Martin,
Morton,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Sedgwick,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson,
Speaker,

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Mr. Britain also offered the following amendment:

Insert after the word "reconsidered," in line 9, section 28, the words "on the same day."

To which amendment, Mr. Noyes offered the following amendment: "unless on the same day or the day following."

Which was lost.

And the question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Britain,

It was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Beers,
Bonham,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,

Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,

Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,

Mr. Morton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
Snow,

Mr. Spencer,
Stockton,
Wilson,
Speaker.

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And, on motion of Mr. Clarke,

The rules as amended, were adopted as the rules of the House.

The joint resolution relative to the construction, by the state, of a plank road through sec. 16 in the village of Lansing, offered yesterday by Mr. Scott, was then taken up for consideration, and

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Was laid on the table.

House bill No. 13, being a bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the state land office to the seat of government, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849, was then taken up, and the question being on the acceptance of the report of the committee of the whole; pending which,

Mr. Strowbridge moved that the House take a recess until two o'clock P. M.; which was lost.

Mr. Gidley moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed.

And the Speaker announced the adjournment of the House to 9 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday.

Lansing, Wednesday, January 30, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Barnes, Carpenter, Hudson, and Mead absent with leave, and Mr. Fowle, without leave.

Mr. Roberts moved that action of the rule requiring the reading of the journal, be suspended.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Movius moved a reconsideration of the last vote.

Which motion prevailed; and the reading of the journal was ordered.

The journal was then read, corrected and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Martin: of E. Trumbull and 87 other citizens of Shiawassee county, asking the vacation of the county seat and the re-location by the supervisors thereof.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Ives: of inhabitants of Allegan county, asking for the organization of the township of Pine in said county.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Chamberlin: of M. H. Niles and other citizens of the village of St. Clair in the county of St. Clair, praying for an act for the incorporation of said village.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton from the committee on banks and incorporations submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Galesburgh and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Galesburg and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, approved March 31, 1849, was read twice, ordered to be placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the petitions of R. Crouse and thirty-four others, H. A. Dibble and 37 others, Jas. B. Lee and 27 others, of Livingston county, asking for a charter to construct a plank road from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw county, to Flint in Genesee county, report that the passage of the bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company, makes any legislation to carry out the prayer of the petitioners unnecessary, the committee therefore recommend that no further action be had, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Crouse and others, asking the establishment of highways in the township of Hartland, in Livingston county, ask leave to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill reported back, being entitled a bill to establish highways in the township of Hartland in the county of Livingston, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 29, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for the payment of Samuel Ashman, while claiming his seat in the House of Representatives, and

An act to authorize the supervisor of the township of Campbell, in the county of Ionia, to renew the warrant for the collection of taxes in said township.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Mr. Ives, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to organize the township of Pine, in Allegan county.

Which was referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

Mr. Kenyon, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chap. 36 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Sttockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the trustees of the insane, and deaf, dumb and blind asylums, be and they are hereby requested to report at as early a day as practicable to the Legislature, all donations made to said institutions, whether in land, money, bonds, labor or materials for building, and the names of all the donors; also the name of all persons who may have become sureties for the performance of the several description of the foregoing donations. And further, that they report the several propositions that have been made to them, by other villages or individuals, for the location of said institutions.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Green gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he should ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1849.

Mr. Street gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of F. F. Perkins for money paid to the State.

Mr. Britain, from committee of ways and means, to whom was referred Senate bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Jackson and Gross Point in the county of Wayne, by unanimous consent reported the same back to the House, with the following amendment and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Sec. 2, line 1, strike out "collectors," and insert "treasurers."

Sec. 3, line 1, strike out "collectors," and insert "treasurers."

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved a suspension of the rules, and that said bill be put upon its final passage.

Mr. Clarke moved that it be recommitted with instructions to strike out "April," in section 2, and insert "March."

Which motion prevailed, and the bill was recommitted.

Mr. Winchell gave notice that at some future time he should ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize George M. Fifield, a minor, son of H. E. Fifield, to convey certain real estate.

Mr. Lester, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled, an act to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the township of Erie in the county of Monroe; and an act to vacate a portion of the village of East St. Joseph.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

The House having arrived at the order of

BILLS FOR A THIRD READING,

The bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company was taken up, read a third time, and passed without amendment, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbot,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. N. Pierce,
Axford,	Irvine,	Price,
Barlow,	Ives,	Quackenboss,
Beers,	Jones,	Renwick,
Bonham,	Kellogg,	Roberts,
Britain,	Kennedy,	Root,
Burrows,	Kenyon,	Sackett,
Cartter,	King,	Sedgwick,
Chamberlin,	Kneeland,	Sloan,
Colvin,	Leach,	Smith,
Clarke,	Lester,	Snow,
Dennis,	Martin,	Spencer,
Dox,	Millspaugh,	Stockton,
Duncan,	Montgomery,	Street,
Fowle,	Morton,	Strowbridge,
Gidley,	Movius,	Welles,
Green,	Norton,	Willson,
Hall,	Noyes,	Winchell,
Hayden,	Otis,	Speaker,
Hooker,	J. B. Pierce,	

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The House then took up Senate bill No. 1, entitled a bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, which was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hayden,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Axford,	Hussey,	N. Pierce,

Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Otis,

Quackenboss
Renwick,
Roberts,
Scott,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS.

Mr. Dox,
Powle,
Hooker,
Kneeland,

Mr. Millspaugh,
Norton,
Price,
Root,

Mr. Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,

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Mr. Spencer, when his name was called, asked to be excused from voting on the bill, but the House refused to excuse him.

The House then took up the Senate concurrent resolution relative to the election of trustees of the Michigan Asylums; which,

On motion of Mr. Carter,

Was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, to whom was re-committed Senate bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Jackson and Gross Point, with instructions to strike out "April;" wherever it occurs in the bill, and insert "March," reported the same back, amended according to instruction, and recommended a suspension of the rules that it may now be put on its final passage, and asked to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

A suspension of the rules was ordered, the report accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the bill put upon its final passage, and was passed by the House.

The House having arrived at the order of

UNFINISHED BUSINESS,

The bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the state land office to the seat of government, approved March 31, 1849, and for other purposes, was taken up, and the question being on concurring

in the amendments made thereto in committee of the whole, they were non-concurred in by the House.

Mr. Britain offered as a substitute for the last named bill, a bill entitled a bill to provide for the removal of the state land office to the seat of government, to which

Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment:

"Sec. 2. From and after the 1st day of February next, the State Treasurer shall be ex-officio commissioner of the land office, and the duties required of said commissioner by existing law, shall thereafter devolve upon and be performed by the State Treasurer.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

And the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Dennis, Mr. N. Pierce moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "ex-officio," which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Dennis, the same was withdrawn.

And the substitute, as offered by Mr. Britain, was accepted, read twice, and ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading.

The House then took up Senate bill No. 9, being a bill to amend sec. 12 of chapter 70, title 17 of the revised statutes, in reference to executors and administrators, reported back by the committee of the whole without amendment.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged from its further consideration, and the bill ordered to be placed on the order of its third reading.

The House also took up House bill No. 12, being entitled a bill to provide for the collection and payment of taxes assessed upon sold and part paid for university and primary school lands, reported back by the committee of the whole without amendment.

The report of the committee was accepted and they were discharged from the further consideration of the subject, when

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment to stand as

"Sec. 1. The supervisor of any township in which there shall be assessed the interest of any purchaser of university or primary school lands, as personal property, shall on or before the first day of

November in the year when the same was so assessed, transmit to the treasurer of his county a list of all such lands, containing a full description thereof, together with the names of the persons to whom, respectively, the same was so assessed."

And after some debate thereon, the bill and amendment were ordered laid on the table.

House bill No. 14, being "a bill in relation to stocks pledged by banks and for other purposes," was then taken up, the report of the committee of the whole accepted, and the committee discharged from its further consideration.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made to said bill in committee of the whole, they were,

On motion of Mr. Noyes, severally concurred in.

Mr. Spencer offered the following amendment, to stand as sec. 5:

"The Legislature may at any time amend, alter or repeal this act."

Which was lost.

And no further amendments being offered, the bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. N. Pierce in the chair.

After some time spent thereon the committee arose and by their chairman reported back to the House, without amendment, the following entitled bills:

1st. A bill to vacate a part of the plat of Plymouth village in the county of Wayne;

2d. A bill to attach the county of Huron to Sanilac for legislative and other purposes;

3d. A bill to repeal section 4 of act No. 104, of the session laws of 1849, approved March 17, 1849; also to repeal act No. 256 of the session laws of 1849, approved April 2, 1849;

4th. A bill to authorize the common council of the village of Marshall to discontinue certain streets within the limits of the corporation, and for other purposes;

5th. A bill to provide for the collection of taxes upon personal property in certain cases; and

6th. A bill in relation to moneys received for licenses in the county of Monroe.

The first and second named bills were ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of bills for a third reading.

The third named bill was ordered laid on the table.

The fourth named bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading.

The fifth named bill was ordered laid on the table.

And the last named bill being under consideration,

Mr. Cartter offered the following amendment:

Insert after the word "in," in the second line, the words "any city, village or township of this state." In the 4th line in "village or," and insert in line 5, between the words "city or," the word "villages." And strike out in the 2d line the words "county of Monroe."

Pending which,

Mr. Stockton moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

And the bill and amendments were ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to extend the time for the payment of taxes in the township of Bruce in the county of Macomb.

And on motion, a suspension of the rules being ordered,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Bruce in the county of Macomb, had three several readings, and was passed by the House.

On motion of Mr. Snow,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, January 31, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hinman.

The roll was called. Members present except Mr. Carpenter, absent on leave, and Messrs. Jones, Roberts and Root without leave.

Mr. Fowle asked and obtained leave of absence for an indefinite time for Mr. Root.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Barlow: of J. U. Torr and 90 others, of the county of Barry, to lay out a state road from Hastings in the county of Barry, to Ionia in the county of Ionia.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Movius: the remonstrance of 585 citizens of Shiawassee county, against the vacation of the county seat of said county, and the relocation of the same by the board of supervisors.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Otis: of William P. Patrick and others, asking an examination into some of the financial affairs of the state, which he asked might be referred to the committee of ways and means.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Martin: of Lucius Beach and others of Shiawassee county, asking the vacation of the county seat and its relocation by the supervisors of said county.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Jones: of J. G. Brown and others, inhabitants of that part of the township of Henrietta in the county of Jackson which was formerly a part of the township of Rives, praying to be set back, so that said township of Rives shall stand as originally organized, which he asked might be referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Abbott: from the district board of school district No. 1, of the township of Flint, asking for a graduation of prices for instruction in said school, which he requested might be referred to the committee on education.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Spencer: of Allen Buck and 80 others, of the village of Ypsilanti, praying for the repeal of the charter of said village.

Referred to the committee on banks and corporations.

By Mr. Movius: the remonstrance of J. W. Van Clave, J. K. Rexford, C. Joslin and 21 others, against the repeal or alteration of the charter of the village of Ypsilanti.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By the Speaker: of Esek Angel and 80 other citizens of Ottawa county, praying for the re-location of the county seat of said county: of Hiram Batterman and 28 others, to the same effect: of Silvius Waters and 77 others, to the same effect.

Which were severally referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By the Speaker: the remonstrance of Henry Pennoyer and 573 others, citizens of the county of Ottawa against the relocation of the county seat of said county.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Britain: of Warren Chapman and 159 others, for the establishment of a general system of free schools; and asked that it might be referred to the committee on education.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Britain: of Charles D. Wallin and 80 others, for the repeal of the county court system; asking its reference to the committee on the judiciary.

It was ordered to be so referred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Street, from the committee on agribulture and manufactures, submitted the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Ward and 50 others, residents of Greenfield, in the county of Wayne, and the petition of David Smart and 44 others, citizens of Detroit, asking the passage of a law more effectually to prevent the depredations of dogs by killing sheep, ask leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, report the same back and ask to be discharged from the consideration of the subject, not believing further legislation to be necessary in the matter at the present time.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The speaker announced the following communication from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 30th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a bill to amend the revised statutes and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people, in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution,

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The bill to amend the revised statutes, and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people, in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution, was referred to the select committee on the election of certain officers.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 30th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Bruce in the county of Macomb, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Also to return herewith, a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine in the township of Hamilton, Van Buren county, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Herewith is also transmitted the following entitled bills and resolutions, viz:

A bill to amend an act relative to Plank Roads, approved March 13, 1848;

A bill to amend section 85, chapter 93, of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to amend section 60, chapter 14, title 3 of the revised statutes of 1846;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Diodate Hubbard against the Detroit and Saginaw Road;

All of which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, a concurrent resolution relative to the appointment of a committee to visit the state prison, which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the town of Bruce in the county of Macomb, and the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849 in the township of Hamilton in the county of Van Buren, the amendment to the last named bill being concurred in by the House, were severally ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to amend an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848, was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The bill to amend section 85 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, and the bill to amend section 60 chapter 14 title 3 of the revised statutes of 1846, were severally referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Diodate Hubbard against the Detroit and Saginaw road, was referred to the committee on claims.

And the concurrent resolution relative to the appointment of a committee to visit the state prison, was referred to the committee on the state prison.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Strowbridge gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the Auditor General to give the printing of the delinquent tax list in Lapeer county to the Lapeer County Democrat.

Mr. Duncan offered the following joint resolution, which, under the rule of the House, was ordered to lie over one day, viz:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use all honorable means to procure of the United States a donation of two thousand acres of land to each of the counties of this state, for the purpose of establishing an agricultural school therein; and that the Governor of this state be requested to forward copies of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr. Beers gave notice that on some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill for establishing the seat of justice for the county of Newaygo.

Mr. Noyes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the select committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the amendment of the constitution in regard to the election of certain officers, and also the select committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the convention to form a state constitution, be, and they are hereby directed and instructed to report to this House with as little delay as possible.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Barlow gave notice that he should ask leave, at some future day, to introduce a bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings.

Mr. Leach gave notice that at some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to regulate the sale of spiritous liquors.

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be tendered the Lansing Lodge of free and accepted Masons for the purpose of a public installation, at 6 o'clock this evening.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hussey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on state prison be instructed to examine into and report without delay the statistics of the enormous expense attending the support and safe keeping of convicts, as referred to in the Governor's message.

Mr. Clarke moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of a bill to provide for the graduation of the

price of tuition in certain school districts, and to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases, approved March 31, 1849, and that the same be now taken up in the House.

Which motion prevailed.

And, on motion of Mr. Clarke,

A suspension of the rules having been ordered by unanimous consent of the House,

The bill to provide for the graduation of the price of tuition in certain school districts, and to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases, approved March 31, 1849, was taken up, read twice, ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed by the House without amendment.

Mr. Gidley moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the resolution of Mr. Noyes relative to the select committee to whom was referred certain portions of the Governor's Message, being directed to report to the House with as little delay as possible.

Which vote the House reconsidered. ●

Whep, on motion of Mr. Gidley,

The said resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Movius, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the German Society of Saginaw.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Britain gave notice that he should on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy, at Bertrand, in Berrien county.

Mr. Hudson gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Plank Road Company.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The joint resolution relative to the construction of a plank road by the state through section 16, in the village of Lansing, was taken from the table, and,

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

Referred to the committee on state affairs.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having reached the order of bills for a third reading, the following entitled bills were taken up, read a third time and passed by the House, viz:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Galesburg and Grand Rapids plank road company, approved March 31, 1849, by a constitutional majority, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Ous,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Wilson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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And by a majority vote,

A bill to amend sec. 12, chapt. 70, title 17 of the revised statutes, in reference to executors and administrators;

A bill to vacate a part of the plat of Plymouth village, in the county of Wayne;

A bill to attach the county of Huron to Sanilac, for legislative and other purposes; and

A bill to authorize the Common Council of the village of Marshall to discontinue certain streets within the limits of the corporation, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The title to the last named bill was amended by adding "s" to the words "council," "village" and "corporation;" by inserting "and

Adrian," after "Marshall," and by striking out "and for other purposes," so as to stand, "A bill to authorize the common councils of the villages of Marshall and Adrian to discontinue certain streets within the limits of the corporations."

And the title as amended was adopted.

The bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the State land office to the seat of government, being then put on its third reading,

Mr. Dennis asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce the following amendment, to stand as section 2:

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Which was adopted; and the bill as amended was read a third time and passed by the House.

The bill in relation to stocks pledged by banks, and for other purposes, was then taken up for a third reading, when,

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

It was ordered to be recommitted, and engrossed.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 31, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Leoni in Jackson county, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Your obedient serv't,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved a suspension of the rules, and that the House take up and put on its final passage the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Leoni in the county of Jackson.

Which motion prevailed.

A suspension of the rules was ordered, the bill read twice, ordered to a third reading, was so read, and passed by the House without amendment.

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Barnes,
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Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Ous,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Wilson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Which motion prevailed.

A suspension of the rules was ordered, the bill read twice, ordered to a third reading, was so read, and passed by the House without amendment.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 30, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849 in the township of Erie in the county of Monroe, and

An act to vacate a portion of the village of East St. Joseph.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year eighteen hundred and forty nine, in the township of Hamilton, Van Buren county.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr, Clarke in the chair, on the general order,

And after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman, reported back to the House that they had had under consideration,

A bill to vacate a township road in the township of Onondaga, in the county of Ingham, to which they had made no amendments.

And a bill to vacate the village plat of the village of Geneva in the county of Cass, and for other purposes;

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices;

And a bill to organize certain townships therein named; to all which they had made sundry amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company, to which they had made no amendment.

The bill to vacate a township road in the township of Onondaga in the county of Ingham, was ordered to be placed on the order of its third reading.

When, on motion of Mr. Stockton,

The further consideration of the report of the committee of the whole was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Barlow, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled an act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Bruce in the county of Macomb.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution, and asked that its consideration might be postponed until to-morrow, viz:

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, that it adjourn until Tuesday next at 9 o'clock.

When, on motion of Mr. Stockton,

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

And the Speaker announced that the House stood adjourned to 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Lansing, Friday, February 1, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Mr. Carpenter absent with leave, and Messrs. Abbott, Chamberlin, Clarke, Gidley, Hooker, Hussey, Irvine, King, Lester, Morton, Movius, J. B. Pierce, N. Pierce, Quackenboss, Renwick, Root, Sackett, Sedgewick, Sloan, Spencer, Strowbridge and Wilson without leave.

Mr. Britain asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Clarke for the day.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Indefinite leave of absence was granted to the rest of the absentees.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Fowle: of B. A. Johnson and others of the township of Allen in the county of Hillsdale, praying the passage of an act whereby they may obtain their proportion of school money, for the year 1848, and asked its reference to the committee on the judiciary.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Hudson: of George Carson and 20 others, citizens of the town of Monguagon, Wayne county, asking for a law to charter a

company to construct a plank road on mud street in the town and county aforesaid.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Kennedy: of James Wheeler, jun., and 81 others, for an alteration in the laws relative to selling school lands; which he asked might be referred to the committee on public lands.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Scott: of O. M. Pearl and 37 others, citizens of Clinton county, asking for the repeal of act No. 53 of the session laws of 1846: and the remonstrance of William Russel and 31 other citizens of Clinton county, against the repeal of said act; which he asked might be severally referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

They were ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Kellogg: of Seth Goodman and 18 others, asking an amendment to the highway laws.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Mead: of Samuel Stevens and 75 others, citizens of the county of Hillsdale, praying for the establishment of a certain state road in said county.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Beers: of E. W. Davis, E. B. Bostwick and others, for the passage of a law prohibiting the drawing of seines in certain lakes therein mentioned.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to inquire what legislation, if any, was necessary to secure to widows and minors the benefit of the homestead exemption law, approved March 25, 1848, have had the subject under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged; and the bill to amend an act entitled an act to exempt a homestead, from forced

sale in certain cases, was ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Burrows, from the committee on the state prison, submitted the following report:

The committee on state prison, to whom the concurrent resolution was referred relative to state prison, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back without amendment, and ask the concurrence of the House therein, and that they may be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

D. BURROWS, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Scott moved to lay the concurrent resolution on the table.

Which did not prevail.

Mr. Dennis moved that it be indefinitely postponed.

Which motion prevailed.

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Cyrus Lovell and others, to alter a state road in the township of Ronald, Ionia county, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report a bill for said alteration, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee so discharged, and the bill, being entitled a bill to alter a state road in the township of Ronald, Ionia county, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stockton, from the select committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the election by the people of certain officers; to whom was referred Senate bill No. 41, being a bill to amend the the revised statutes and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution; reported that they had had the same under consideration, made sundry amendments thereto, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and that the committee might be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read

twice, ordered placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, January 31, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Bruce in the county of Macomb.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Also, the following from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
January 31, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a bill making an appropriation to pay the services and expenses of the agent of this state for the encouragement of immigration, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, and to respectfully request the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

The bill making an appropriation to pay the services and expenses of the agent of this state for the encouragement of immigration, was referred to the committee on claims.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be granted to Dr. R. C. Rutherford on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next, for the purpose of delivering lectures on physiology and mental science, or man as a physical, moral and intellectual being.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Green,

The House took from the table House bill No. 9, being a bill to

provide for the collection of taxes assessed on personal property in certain cases; and the same being under consideration,

Mr. Green offered a substitute. When,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The bill and substitute were ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of John M. Van Aken and Albert Elliott, for allowance of a claim against the State, be taken from the files of this House and referred to the committee on claims.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Street offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on towns and counties be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of an act making it the duty of the supervisors of each county in this State to publish their proceedings when in session in some newspaper printed in their respective counties, if there be any such paper published in said county.

Adopted.

Mr. Stockton moved that the House now take from the table House bill No. 2, being a bill to amend the act to incorporate the Mount Ciemens and Romeo Plank Road Company; which prevailed.

And the same being under consideration,

Mr. Noyes moved to amend by striking out sec. 3 of the bill.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading.

Mr. Burrows gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to reduce the price of university lands in the county of Oakland in this state.

Mr. Stockton moved that the House do now take up bill No. 26 of the House, being a bill relative to town plats.

Which motion prevailed, and the same being under consideration,

Mr. Snow offered the following amendment:

Insert after the word "deeds," in line 6, sec. 1, "duly acknowledged."

Mr. Mead offered the following amendment:

Add as a new section: The record of any village plat heretofore

made, shall be evidence of the sufficient dedication to the public of any portion thereof represented in such plat as a public square.

Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment to the amendment offered by Mr. Mead:

Insert after the word "dedication," the words "gift and grant."

Which was accepted by Mr. Mead.

And the amendment as amended was adopted.

No further amendments being offered, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of bills for a third reading.

The House then took up the resolution offered by Mr. Stockton on yesterday, and ordered laid over.

Which resolution was as follows:

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, that it adjourn until Tuesday next at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Noyes moved to strike out the word "Tuesday" and insert "to-morrow."

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,

Mr. Fowle,
Green,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
Price,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Martin,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Montgomery,
Stockton,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Noyes then moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

Which did not prevail.

Mr. Otis moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment of Mr. Noyes was adopted.

Which motion prevailed and a reconsideration was ordered.

Mr. Dennis offered the following as a substitute for the resolution, viz:

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next at 10 o'clock A. M., and that it will meet at that hour on each succeeding day, Sundays excepted, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Hayden moved to strike out 10 o'clock and insert 9 o'clock.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Britain called for a division of the question on striking out and inserting.

Which was ordered.

And the question being on striking out, it was decided as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Duncan,

Mr. Green,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,

Mr. Mead,
Norton,
Noyes,
Price,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Colvin,
Dox,
Fowle,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Kellogg,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Montgomery,
Otis,
Stockton,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Stockton moved to amend by inserting Monday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Dennis moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject

Which motion did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Fowle,

Mr. Green,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Leach,

Mr. Mead,
Norton,
Noyes,
Smith,
Street,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Cartter,
Dox,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Otis,
Price,
Snow,
Stockton,

Duncan,
Hall,
Hayden,

McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,

Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker, 21

And the question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Stockton, as amended, to insert Monday next at 9 o'clock A. M., it was decided as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
McCarty,

Mr. Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Otis,
Price,
Stockton,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker, 24

NAYS:

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Colvin,
Duncan,

Mr. Kennedy,
Leach,
Mead,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
Smith,
Snow,
Street, 12

The question then recurring on the amendment to the resolution, as amended,

Pending which, Mr. Mead moved a call of the House,
Which did not prevail.

Mr. Welles moved that the House do now adjourn; but the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Bonham moved to postpone the further consideration of the resolution, to Saturday the 9th day of February next.

Mr. Stockton moved to lay the motion of Mr. Bonham on the table.
Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Barnes moved that the House take a recess until 2 o'clock,
Pending which, Mr. Bonham moved that the House do now adjourn; but the House refused to adjourn.

And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Barnes, the same did not prevail.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the amendment to the resolution as amended, the same was adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution as amended, which as amended, would stand thus:

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, that it adjourn until Monday next, at 9 o'clock A. M.,

The same was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Hayden,	Mr. Montgomery,	
Barnes,	Hudson,	Otis,	
Burrows,	Irvine,	Price,	
Cartter,	Ives,	Stockton,	
Dox,	Ke'logg,	Welles,	
Duncan,	McCarty,	Winchell,	
Hall,	Millspaugh,	Speaker,	21

NAYS:

Mr. Bonham,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Norton,	
Britain,	Kennedy,	Noyes,	
Colvin,	Kenyon,	Smith,	
Dennis,	Leach,	Snow,	
Fowle,	Mead,	Street,	15

When, on motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, February 4, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baughman.

The roll was called, and a quorum not being present, the House, On motion of Mr. Cartter, adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, February 5, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and the following members absent with leave, viz: Messrs. Abbott, Carpenter, Chamberlin, Gidley, Hooker, Hussey, Irvine, King, Lester, Morton, N. Pierce, Quackenboss, Renwick, Root, Sackett, Sedgewick, Sloan, Strowbridge and Wilson, and Messrs. Axford, Beers, Cartter, Clarke, Fowle, Jones, Kneeland, Martin, Noyes, Otis and Roberts, without leave.

There being no quorum, a call of the House,

On motion of Mr. Hudson,

Was ordered.

Messrs. Cartter, Irvine, Jones, Otis and Roberts soon appearing in their seats, the roll was called and 38 members answering to their names, further proceedings under the call were,

On motion,

Ordered to be dispensed with.

Mr. Snow asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Axford for an indefinite time.

Mr. Millspaugh for Mr. Noyes.

Mr. Kennedy for Mr. Martin.

Mr. Norton for Mr. Beers.

Mr. Kenyon for Mr. Kneeland for the day.

Mr. Mead for Mr. Fowle for one week.

The Speaker asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to amend the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Jackson in the county of Jackson, and in the township of Gross Point in the county of Wayne, and the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Leoni in the county of Jackson.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Stockton: of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mount Clemens, asking for authority to sell a certain lot with the building thereon, for educational purposes;

Of 104 citizens of Macomb county, praying for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and the granting of licenses for that purpose;

And of Alfred Ashley, asking for an extension of time in act No. 81 of the session laws of 1849.

Which were severally referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Irvine: of Louis Freudenthaler and others, for a change of name from Freudenthaler to that of Leopold.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Hall: of the citizens of Montcalm, asking that townships 9 and 10 north of range 9 west, may be attached to the county of Montcalm; of inhabitants of townships 9 and 10 north of range 6 west in the county of Montcalm, asking that said towns may be or-

ganized into one town for municipal purposes; of citizens of the township of Oakfield, in the county of Kent, praying that towns 9 and 10 north of range 9 west, in the county of Kent, may be attached to the territory of the county of Montcalm, and asked their reference to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

They were severally ordered to be so referred.

Also of sundry citizens of Ionia, asking a repeal of the present system of assessment and collection of taxes, and the passage of other laws instead of the same.

Referred to the committee of ways and means.

And of inhabitants of the county of Ionia for a state road to be laid out from the village of Ionia in the county of Ionia to the village of Hastings in the county of Barry.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Dox: of William Bailey and others, asking for an act incorporating the Illion Steam Mill Company, and asked its reference to the committee on banks and incorporations.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Duncan: certain resolutions of the Board of Supervisors of Kalamazoo county; also an affidavit and other papers from Geo. Thos. Clark, treasurer of said county, relative to one hundred and fifty-four dollars collected from taxes on non-resident land and forwarded to the Auditor General through the post office department, which appears to have been abstracted; and the petition of the said George Thomas Clark, treasurer, asking the passage of a law to have the same credited by the state to the county of Kalamazoo for his benefit, and asked its reference to the committee on claims.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Dox: of Bela Hubbard and others, asking the appropriation of the road taxes on non-resident lands in the township of Royal Oak for the construction of a certain road, and asked its reference to the committee on roads and bridges.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. McCarty: of citizens of Shiawassee and Saginaw counties asking for the passage of a law, appropriating the non-resident highway taxes on the road leading from Owasso in Shiawassee county to

the forks of Bad River in Saginaw county, and asked its reference to the committee on roads and bridges.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Hayden: of H. N. Phelps and 200 others, asking for an act of incorporation to construct a plank road from Breedsville, to the mouth of South Black River, in the county of Van Buren; referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Also, of James Crane and 150 others, praying for an act of incorporation to construct a plank road from the village of Paw Paw to the village of Lawrence, in the county of Van Buren; referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Street: of A. W. King and 138 others, for a division of Bertrand township in Berrien county; and the remonstrance of B. H. Bertrand and 72 other citizens, against any division of said township of Bertrand; which were severally referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Movius: of 150 citizens of Ypsilanti, praying for a change of the State prison system of convict labor; referred to the committee on the state prison.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Deanis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill entitled a bill to authorize C. O. Darling and B. F. Bailey to erect a dam across Grand River, have had the same under consideration, report it back to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of it.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill ordered printed and placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary to whom was referred a House resolution directing them to enquire into the propriety of repealing section 12 chapter 65 of revised statutes of 1846, respectfully report, that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, and recommend its

passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill being entitled "a bill to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes of 1846, was ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

And the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a Senate bill to provide for holding terms of the circuit court in the counties of Ingham and Eaton, have had the same under consideration, and report it back without amendment, and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and said bill read twice, referred to the committee of the whole House, and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 35, to amend section 65 of chap. 16 of the revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration and report it back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the said bill read twice, referred to the committee of the whole House and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill to amend section 60, chapter 14, title 3, revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration, and report it back to the House and respectfully recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred Senate bill No.

28, entitled a bill to authorize Harriet A. Bassett and Lafayette Bassett, of the county of Branch to convey certain real estate, have had the same under consideration and respectfully report it back to the House and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, referred to the committee of the whole House, and placed on the general order.

And also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Arnold H. Coomer, praying for the passage of a law to change the the name of Celestia Rebecca Richards to Celestia Rebecca Coomer, have had the same under consideration and report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage, in compliance with the prayer of said petitioner.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, the bill to change the name of Celestia Rebecca Richards, was read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

MESSAGES, &c.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, February 1, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1849, in the township of Hamilton, Van Buren county.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Also the following communication from the Secretary of State:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Lansing, Mich., Feb. 4th, 1850. }

To the Hon. SILAS G. HARRIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have the honor to transmit herewith the annual report of the Board of State Auditors for the fiscal year last past.

Respectfully, yours, &c,

GEO. W. PECK, *Sec'y of State.*

The annual report of the board of State Auditors was, on motion, ordered laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Irvine gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to change the name of the township of Sheboygan in the county of Michilimackinac, to that of Inverness.

Mr. Irvine also gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to change the names of Louis, Henry, Aaron, and Samuel Freudenthaler to that of Louis, Henry, Aaron, and Samuel Freudenthaler Leopold.

Mr. Leach gave notice that he would at some future time ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize James Seymour and Ogden Clark to keep up a dam across Flint river in the county of Genesee.

Mr. Hudson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on enrollment and engrossment be and they are hereby authorized to employ an assistant clerk when they shall consider it necessary.

Mr. Colvin gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to change the name of the township of Kinderhook in the county of Branch.

Mr. Barlow pursuant to previous notice, by consent of the House, introduced a bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Hudson pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to incorporate the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Plank Road Company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Street, pursuant to previous notice, by consent of the House, introduced a bill for the relief of F. F. Perkins.

Which was referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Hall asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill for an extension of time for the collection of taxes in the township of Ionia in the county of Ionia.

And, on motion of Mr. Hall,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bill had three several readings and was passed by the House.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having reached the order of bills for a third reading, the bill to vacate a township road in the township of Onondaga in the county of Ingham, was taken up, read a third time, when,

On motion of Mr. Britain,

It was laid on the table.

The House then took up the bill to amend the act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo Plank Road Company, which was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Leach,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Montgomery,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Speaker,

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The House also took up a bill relative to town plats, which received its third reading and passed.

The bill in relation to stocks pledged by banks and for other purposes, was then placed upon its third reading, was so read, and the question being on its final passage, it received the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Britain,
Burrows,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,
Millspaugh,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Roberts,
Smith,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barnes,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Colvin,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Montgomery,
Snow,
Spencer,
Speaker.

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And the Speaker decided that the bill having received the constitutional majority, was passed by the House.

Mr. Cartter appealed from the decision of the chair ; and after some debate thereon,

Mr. Britain moved that the further consideration of the question of appeal be postponed until Friday next.

Which motion prevailed.

When, on motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

The House was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Roberts in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration Senate bill No. 41, being entitled a bill to amend the revised statutes, and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution, recommended that it be laid on the table, and ordered printed and asked that they might be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and said bill ordered laid on the table and printed.

When, on motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 6, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs Axford, Beers, Chamberlin, Fowle, Hooker, King, Lester, Morton, Noyes, Quackenboss, Sackett, Strowbridge and Wilson absent with leave, and Mr. McCarty without leave.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS

Mr. Leach presented the petition of George Gibson and others, praying that a part of the township of Flint in the county of Genesee, be attached to the town of Genesee in said county.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. J. B. Pierce submitted the following report:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred a bill making an appropriation to pay the services and expenses of the agent of this state for the encouragement of immigration, have had the same under consideration, and direct their chairman to report the same back without amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. B. PIERCE, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill ordered engrossed and placed on its third reading on to-morrow.

Also the following:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred Senate joint resolution, relative to the claim of Diodate Hubbard against the Detroit and Saginaw road, report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the joint resolution read twice, when Mr. Stockton moved that the rule be suspended, and the bill now read a third time; which motion did not prevail.

So the joint resolution was ordered placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, February 5, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted,

A bill to enable Tracy Richmond, a minor, to convey certain real estate;

A bill for establishing a certain state road in the county of Branch;

A bill to amend section sixty-three, chapter fourteen of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, approved April 3, 1848;

All of which I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have passed, the last named bill by a two third vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

I am also instructed to return herewith,

A bill to provide for the graduation of the price of tuition in certain school districts, and to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases, approved March 31, 1849, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

I am also instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Leoni in Jackson county, and have ordered the bill as amended to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The first named bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The second named bill was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The third named bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The fourth named bill was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations; and

The fifth named bill was ordered to be enrolled.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Burrows, pursuant to previous notice, by consent of the House, introduced a bill to reduce the price of university lands in the county of Oakland.

Referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Hall, pursuant to previous notice, by consent of the House, introduced a bill for establishing the seat of justice for the county of Newaygo.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

Mr. Clarke gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the erection of county work houses, and for the correction and punishment of vagrants and other persons.

Mr. Barnes gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Leach, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained the consent of the House to introduce a bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors.

Which was ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Montgomery gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill for laying out a state road in the township of Watton in the county of Eaton.

Mr. Stockton gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a memorial to Congress in relation to private land claims in the state of Michigan.

Mr. Dennis, pursuant to previous notice, by consent of the House, introduced a bill to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes of 1846, which was ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Hall, by consent of the House, introduced a joint resolution relative to compensation to the trustees of the Michigan Asylums.

Under the rules of the House, it was ordered laid over for one day.

Mr. Spencer moved a reconsideration of the vote which was taken on the motion of Mr. Stockton to suspend the rule so as to allow the joint resolution relative to the claim of Diodate Hubbard against the Detroit and Saginaw road, to be put upon its third reading, which motion prevailed, said vote reconsidered, a suspension of the rule ordered, said resolution put upon its third reading, was so read and passed by the House, without amendment.

Mr. Movius, by unanimous consent of the House, introduced joint resolutions relative to the continuance in office of certain State officers, which were ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Britain offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be granted to Doctor R. C.

Rutherford, for the purpose of delivering a course of lectures on physiology and mental science.

Mr. Clarke moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Insert after the word "Hall," in line one, "when not otherwise occupied."

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That the Hall of the House of Representatives, shall not, until otherwise ordered, be used for any other purpose than for the meetings of this House and for meetings of members thereof.

And the question being on the adoption of the substitute, it was decided by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Dox,

Mr. Hall,
Irvine,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Mr. Mead,
Otis,
Price,
Roberts,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Clarke,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Green,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Leach,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,
Norton,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell
Speaker.

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So the substitute was not adopted.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution of Mr. Britain, it was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,

Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,

Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Leach,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Norton,

Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Barnes,
Cartter,
Hayden,
Kenyon,

Mr. Kneeland,
Millsbaugh,
Movius,
Roberts,

Mr. Root,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,

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Mr. Irvine moved a reconsideration of the last vote.

Which motion did not prevail.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 6, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to examine into the condition of certain banks, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec'y of Senate.*

The said resolution was ordered to lie over one day, under the rules of the House.

Mr. Street gave notice that he would on to-morrow or some other day ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the charter of the village of Niles in the county of Berrien.

Mr. Cartter moved that the House adjourn; but the House refused to adjourn.

The House having reached the order of unfinished business, the following joint resolution, offered by Mr. Duncan on the 31st ult., was taken up:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to to use all honorable means to procure of the U. S. a donation of 2000 acres of land to each of the counties in this state, for the purpose of establishing an agricultural school therein; and that the

Governor of this State be requested to forward copies of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr. Dennis moved to amend by striking out the word "two" before "thousand," and inserting "ten;" which was adopted.

Mr. Street moved a reconsideration of the vote on the adoption of the amendment of Mr. Dennis; which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Stockton moved to strike out the word "honorable," in the resolution, and insert "suitable."

Mr. Movius called for a division of the question, which was ordered; and the question being on the motion to strike out, it did not prevail.

Mr. Leach offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words "all honorable means," and insert "their influence."

Which was adopted.

No further amendments being offered, the resolution was read a third time as amended, and was passed by the House.

The bill to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company, was taken up, when

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Insert: at the end of line 1, sec. 5, "and all amendments thereof hereafter made."

Upon which he asked that the yeas and nays might be ordered.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The bill and amendment were ordered laid on the table.

The House then took up House bill No. 24, being a bill to organize certain townships therein named; and the question being on concurring in the amendments reported back by the committee of the whole,

The same were concurred in.

Mr. Leach offered the following amendment:

Strike out the word "Vernon," in line 3, section 2.

Adopted.

Mr. Clarke moved to amend by inserting at the end of line 3 of section two, the words, "the House of."

Adopted.

Mr. Colvin moved to fill the blank made by striking out "Vernon," with the word —

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The bill and amendments were ordered to be recommitted to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

The House then took up the bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices, and the question being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole, they were severally concurred in; and no further amendments being offered, the bill was ordered engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading.

The bill to vacate a portion of the village plat of the village of Geneva in the county of Cass, and for other purposes, was also taken up, and the question being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole they were severally concurred in.

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after "vacated," in the 6th line, to the word "provided," in the 8th line.

Adopted.

No further amendments being offered to the bill, it was ordered engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Sedgwick in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration a bill relative to the county of Manistee, and

A bill to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company;

To both of which they had made sundry amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House therein. Also,

A bill to amend chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, and in addition thereto;

Upon which they had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the several amendments to the two first named bills concurred in.

The bill relative to the county of Manistee, and the bill to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company, were severally ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Leach moved that the House take a recess till half past two o'clock P. M.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Roberts,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, February 7, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Axford, Beers, Chamberlin, Hooker, King, Lester, Noyes, Quackenboss, Scott, Sloan Strowbridge and Wilson absent with leave.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Britain: of Charles Jewett and 112 others, for the relief of Ezra S. Chapman of Berrien county.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Street: of R. C. Paine and 133 others, to amend the charter of the village of Niles, in Berrien county.

Referred to the committee on banks and corporations.

By Mr. J. B. Pierce: the remonstrance of Gilbert M. Cole and 82 others, tax payers of the township of Henrietta, against the division of said township, and asked its reference to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Clarke: of W. R. McCall and 74 others, mechanics and citizens of Calhoun county, praying that some remedy may be applied to the evils arising from the present employment of convicts in the state prison.

Referred to the committee on the state prison.

By Mr. N. Pierce: of John B. Hoxsie, praying the state to pay

him damage by reason of the central rail road passing through his farm.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Green: of W. D. Moore and 80 others, of Lenawee county, for the repeal of the act to provide for draining swamps, marshes and other low lands, and asked its reference to the committee on the judiciary.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Leach: of C. C. Hascall and others, citizens of Flint, praying for the passage of a law authorizing James Seymour to keep up a dam across Flint river in the county of Genesee.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Spencer: of Alonzo Bennet, guardian of certain minors, for liberty to convey certain real estate belonging to said minors.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Mead: the remonstrance of D. C. Fuller and 15 others, citizens of Hillsdale county, against the establishment of a certain state road.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Winchell: of Thomas J. Brown and 35 others, praying for the repeal of so much of acts 234, 248 and 260 of the session laws of 1849 as relates to the appropriation of non-resident highway tax in the township of Delhi in the county of Ingham.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Hussey: of John P. Weeks, of Gratton, Kent county, praying to have a school district set off for his accommodation and others.

Referred to the committee on education.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The select committee to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's message relating to the revision of the constitution, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me as their chairman, to report the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. CARTTER, Chairman.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, the bill, being entitled a bill to pro-

vide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto, was read, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

The Speaker asked the unanimous concurrence of the House in an amendment made by the Senate to the title of the bill to provide for the graduation of the price of tuition in certain school districts, and to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases, approved March 31, 1849, which said amendment was in striking out the word "certain," where it first occurs in said title.

Said amendment was unanimously concurred in by the House.

Mr. Britain, from the select committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the revision of the constitution, submitted the following minority report:

A minority of the select committee to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's message relating to the revision of the constitution, beg leave respectfully to dissent from so much of the report of said committee as relates to the apportionment of delegates for the several counties and districts of the state.

C. BRITAIN,

DELAMORE DUNCAN.

The following message was received from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 6, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Ionia in the county of Ionia, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The said bill was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Dox gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a joint resolution.

Mr. Snow gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave

to introduce a bill for the repeal of sec. 13 of act No. 206, session laws of 1848.

Mr. Kneeland gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, approved March 28, 1849.

Mr. Carpenter gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Beneficial Society of Detroit.

Mr. Stockton, pursuant to previous notice, by consent of the House, introduced a memorial of the Legislature of Michigan, to Congress, relative to certain donations of land, made to the inhabitants of the territory of Michigan.

Which was laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. Winchell, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to authorize George M. Fifield to convey certain real estate.

Referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Street, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the village of Niles in Berrien county.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Carter,

The bill to amend the revised statutes, and to provide for the election of certain state officers by the people, in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution, was taken from the table and placed on the order of unfinished business.

Mr. Clarke, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize the erection of county work houses, and for the correction and punishment of vagrants and other persons.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The order of bills for a third reading having been reached, the House took up the bill to vacate a portion of the village plat of the village of Geneva, in the county of Cass, and for other purposes, which was read a third time and passed.

The House also took up House bill No. 22, being a bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices, which received a third reading, and was passed by the House.

The Senate bill entitled a bill making an appropriation to pay the services and expenses of the agent of this state for the encouragement of immigration, was then read a third time and passed by the House.

The Joint Resolution relative to compensation to the trustees of the Michigan Asylums, was taken up, read a third time, and

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

Ordered laid on the table.

The concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to examine into the condition of certain banks, was also taken up, read a third time, and the question being on its adoption, the same was not adopted.

By unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education to whom was referred the petition of school district, No. 4, in the township of Ypsilanti, praying for an amendment of act No. 75 of 1849, respectfully report that they have considered the subject, and believing that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, have directed their chairman to introduce a bill for that purpose, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report of the committee was accepted and they were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

And on motion of Mr. Clarke,

A suspension of the rules being ordered, the bill reported by the committee, entitled a bill to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers of officers in school district No. 4, in the township of Ypsilanti, was put upon three several readings, when the question being on its final passage, pending which,

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

It was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to provide for the graduation of the price of tuition in school districts, and to amend an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases, approved March 31, 1849, and

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Ionia in the county of Ionia.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

The House, having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up Senate bill No. 41, being a bill to amend the revised statutes and to provide for the election by the people, of certain officers, in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution, and the question being on concurring in the amendments thereto made by the select committee; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Britain,

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole, on Senate bill No. 41,

Mr. Kellogg in the chair,

And after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration,

Senate bill No. 41, upon which they had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again thereon, and that the committee might now be discharged from the consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Clarke moved that the House take a recess until half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Root moved that the House do now adjourn.

Which motion was decided by ayes and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barnes,
McCarty,

Mr. Morton,

Mr. Root,



NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,

Mr. Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Smith,

Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Meed,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,

Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Clarke,
The same prevailed.

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The House was called to order by the Speaker at half-past two o'clock, P. M.

By unanimous consent of the House,

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers of officers in school district No. 4, in the township of Ypsilanti, was taken from the table; when

Mr. Spencer offered the following amendment;

Amend section three by striking out all after the 7th line of said section.

Which amendment was adopted.

And the question being on the final passage of the bill, the same was passed by the House, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the bill to amend the revised statutes, and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people, in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution, (Senate bill No. 41,)

Mr. Kellogg in the chair,

And after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported the same back to the House with sundry amendments, to which the concurrence of the House was asked, and that the committee might be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

And the question being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole,

The first amendment, which was as follows: in section 3, strike out in the 3d line the words "the same," and insert "all vacancies," was concurred in, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Millspaugh,	
Barlow,	Hayden,	Morton,	
Barnes,	Hudson,	Movius,	
Carpenter,	Hussey,	Otis,	
Cartter,	Irvine,	Root,	
Colvin,	Jones,	Sackett,	
Dennis,	Kellogg,	Smith,	
Duncan,	Kenyon,	Stockton,	
Fowle,	Leach,	Winchell,	
Gidley,	Mead,	Speaker,	
Green,			32

NAYS:

Mr. Britain,	Mr. Norton,	Mr. Sedgwick,	
Clarke,	J. B. Pierce,	Spencer,	
Dox,	N. Pierce,	Snow,	
Ives,	Price,	Street,	
Kennedy,	Renwick,	Welles,	15

And the second amendment in the following words: In section 5 strike out the words "the first Monday of August next," and insert "from and after its passage," was also concurred in.

Mr. Clarke moved to strike out section 5 of the bill, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Hussey offered the following amendment:

Amend section 3, first and second lines, after the word "held," strike out "at the next general election," and insert "on the first Monday of April next."

Which was lost, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Sedgwick,	
Barlow,	Leach,	Smith,	
Duncan,	Movius,	Spencer,	
Gidley,	Norton,	Winchell,	
Hayden,	Renwick,	Speaker,	
Hussey,			16

NAYS:

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Otis,	
Bonham,	Hall,	J. B. Pierce,	
Britain,	Hudson,	N. Pierce,	
Burrows,	Irvine,	Price,	

Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,

Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Morton,

Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,

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Mr. Dennis moved that the bill be ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Pending which, Mr. Clarke moved that the House adjourn;

But the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Sedgwick offered the following amendment:

Amend section 2 by striking out all after the word "Instruction," in the fourth line, and inserting the words "and Prosecuting Attorneys."

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Dennis moved that the House do now adjourn, but the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Movius moved that the bill be now engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Carter moved the previous question.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Morton moved that the House do now adjourn, but the House refused to adjourn as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Leach,
Morton,
Movius,
Otis,

Mr. Renwick,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,

Mr. Fowle,
Hayden,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Norton,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Root,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,

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And the question recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Otis moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

When, on motion of Mr. Gidley,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, February 8, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Axford, Beers, Chamberlin, Lester, Noyes, Quackenboss, and Strowbridge, absent with leave.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Fowle: of John Kent and 24 other citizens of Hillsdale county, asking the passage of a law authorizing townships to become stockholders in plank roads; of John G. McWilliam and 40 other citizens of Hillsdale, to the same effect, which he asked might be referred to the committee on internal improvement; they were severally ordered to be so referred.

Also, of Cyrus Lee and 15 other citizens of the townships of Woodbridge and Bird, in Hillsdale county, asking for a division of said townships so as to form a third township out of the same.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Stockton: of citizens of Lenox and Richmond, in the county of Macomb, to amend the second subdivision of section 5, chapter 23, title 6 of the revised statutes.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Root: of N. Wilcox and 15 other citizens of Sherwood, county of Branch, asking the passage of a law authorizing highway commissioners to lay out roads in certain cases.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Price: of F. Kellicott and others, inhabitants of the county of Oakland, praying for the passage of a law permitting the

payment of principal and interest on primary school lands, to the treasurer of Oakland county.

Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Hussey: of William Aldrich and 89 others of Jackson county, praying that the revised statutes may be so amended as to more effectually prevent the sale of spirituous liquors.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Carpenter: of John Andrew Stulte, Anton Puete, and 20 other German citizens of Detroit, praying for the passage of an act of incorporation for the St. Joseph Beneficial Society of Detroit.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Dennis: of John Cadman and 50 others; of A. S. Knapp and 10 others; of Isaac Paulding and 18 others; of Edwin Comstock and 18 others; and of A. S. Burlingame and others, all of Lenawee county, asking an alteration in the license laws: also of J. W. Scott and 23 others, citizens of Lenawee county, asking for the passage of a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, by all persons except druggists; and to prohibit its use, except for medical purposes; and offered the following resolution as to their reference:

Resolved, That the petitions of John Cadman and other citizens of Lenawee county, for alterations in the laws concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors, be referred to a select committee of three.

Which was adopted.

And the Speaker announced that said select committee would consist of Messrs. Stockton, Leach, and Hussey.

By Mr. Kellogg: of Jacob French and 84 others of St. Joseph county, praying for a repeal of the license laws, and the passage of an act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Referred to the select committee.

By Mr. Morton: of John G. Wood and 64 others of Ash, Monroe county, praying that a portion of said township of Ash may be set off to Frenchtown.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Spencer: of C. Joslin and others, citizens of the village of Ypsilanti, asking the passage of a law to abolish certain alleys in said village.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill read twice, ordered to be placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Hayden, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Plank Road Company; also a bill to incorporate the Breedsville and South Haven Plank Road Company; and also a bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Lawrence Plank Road Company, respectfully ask leave to report the same back to the House; and recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from their further consideration, and the several bills so reported back, were placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 7, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith a bill to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers, and increase the number of officers in school district No. 4, in the township of Ypsilanti, and

respectfully inform you, that the Senate have passed the same with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Your obedient serv't,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

And the question being on concurring in the amendment of the Senate to said bill, which amendment was to strike out in sec. 3, after the words "experimental school," the same was unanimously concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 7, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a bill to incorporate the Saginaw and Genesee Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor;

A bill to incorporate St. Marks College at Grand Rapids;

A bill to amend an act relative to free schools in the city of Detroit;

A bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Hastings Plank Road Company;

A bill to form a board to act as a board of supervisors for the county of Chippewa;

A bill to amend section 24, chapter 84, of title 20 of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill for the alteration of the township lines between the townships of Ash and Frenchtown, in the county of Monroe;

And a joint resolution relative to the claim of James Parshall;

All of which, I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed; the five first named by a two-thirds, and the four last named by a majority vote; and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

The first, second, third and fifth named bills were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The fourth named bill was referred to the committee on education.

The sixth and seventh named bills were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The eighth named bill was referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

And the ninth named bill was referred to the committee on claims.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Movious offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to report back to the House, all petitions heretofore referred to them relative to the license laws, and that said petitions be referred to the select committee on the license laws.

Adopted.

Mr. Hudson gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to revive an act of 1849, entitled an act to incorporate the Trenton and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company.

Mr. Burrows gave notice that on some future day he should ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing a certain road in the counties of Oakland and Genesee, approved March 31, 1849.

Also a bill to to repeal act No. 192 of the session laws of 1849.

Also a bill to repeal act No. 218 of session laws of 1849.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two whigs and one democrat be added to the select committee on the license laws.

Mr. Clark offered the following amendment:

Strike out "one," where it occurs, and insert "two."

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Cartler moved to strike out "two," before whigs, and insert "three."

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Britain moved to strike out the words "whigs" and "democrats,"

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Morton moved to insert "and one free soil hunker."

Pending which, the resolution and amendments were,

On motion of Mr. Movius,

Ordered laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The question on the appeal of Mr. Cartter from the decision of the Speaker on the passage of the bill in relation to stock pledged by banks and for other purposes, which question was ordered laid on the table on the 5th inst., was taken therefrom.

And the question being, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the House?" It was decided by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Movius,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Bonham,
Cartter,
Fowle,
Hooker,

Mr. Kennedy,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. Norton,
Roberts,
Root,
Sloan,

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And the Speaker announced that the bill was passed by the House.

According to previous notice, Mr. Carpenter asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the St. Joseph's Beneficial Society of Detroit; referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Otis, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to amend chapter 58, section 107, of the revised statutes of 1846, and act No. 206 of the session laws of 1848, relative to school taxes; referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Britain moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House passed the bill in relation to stocks pledged by banks, and for other purposes.

Pending which, Mr. Cartter moved that the question of reconsideration be postponed until Monday next, which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Brittain to reconsider, the reconsideration was ordered, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Fowle,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Morton,

Mr. Norton,
Price,
Roberts,
Root,
Scott,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Ives,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Movius,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Speaker,

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Mr. Scott moved that the bill be now laid on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the passage of the bill, pending which,

Mr. Mead moved a call of the House.

Before any proceedings were had thereon, the call was, on motion, dispensed with.

And the question being taken, "shall the bill now pass?" the same was passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Britain,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,

Barrows,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,

King,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millsaugh,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Speener,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barnes,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Fowle,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Mr. Mead,
Montgomery,
Roberts,
Root,
Snow,

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Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school distsict No. 4, in the township of Ypsilanti, approved March 12, 1849.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Cartter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) that this Legislature will adjourn *sine die* on Monday the 11th day of March, 1850.

Which was ordered laid over under the rule.

Mr. Winchell gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Lansing in Ingham county.

Mr. Green moved that House bill No. 19, and the substitute therefor, be taken from the table and placed on the general order.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Colvin, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to change the name of the township of Kinderhook in the county of Branch to that of Leon.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The joint resolution relative to compensation to the trustees of the

Michigan Asylum, was taken from the table and passed by the House.

Mr. Movius moved that the House take up the joint resolution relative to the continuance in office of certain state officers, (House joint resolution No. 3.)

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Mead,

The House took up Senate bill No. 41, and the same being under consideration,

Mr. Spencer offered the following as a substitute for sec. 3:

Sec. 3. The first election of the officers provided for in this act, shall be held at the next general election, and all such officers, when duly elected, shall (upon subscribing, respectively, the proper oath of office, in manner now provided by law,) on the first Monday of January next, enter upon the discharge of their respective duties in the several offices to which they have been elected; superceding and displacing, at that time, all incumbents of such offices, theretofore existing. And all of the offices of the state, until the first Monday of January next, are to be filled in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and the laws, as existing before the passage of this act.

Pending which,

Mr. Dennis offered the following as a substitute for the substitute of Mr. Spencer:

Sec. 3. The first election under this act shall be held at the next general election, and at such election all vacancies existing in any of the offices hereinbefore named, and all of such offices as may be filled by temporary appointments, and all of such offices as will become vacant within the year next following such election, shall be filled; and the persons elected at such election to fill any vacancy, or any office filled by temporary appointment, shall as soon as elected and qualified, enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office to which they are elected, and those elected to any office which will become vacant within the year next following such election, shall enter upon the duties of the offices to which they are elected when such vacancies shall occur.

And the question being taken on the substitute for the substitute, the same was not adopted.

The question then recurring on the substitute for section 3, offered by Mr. Spencer, the same was not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mead, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of bills for a third reading; when,

On motion of Mr. Roberts, the House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, February 9, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Axford, Chamberlin, Lester, Noyes, Quackenboss, Strowbridge and Wilson were absent with leave.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Street: of Abram Hoag and 200 other citizens, for a division of township 8 south of range 17 west; also of Job Brookfield and 165 others, of town 7 south, range 17 west, for annexing the same to town 8 south of range 17 west; referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Beers: of H. Hall and others, of Kent county, for the location of the county site of said county by the board of supervisors thereof; and of George Miller and others for a vacation of Kent county seat, and its relocation by the board of supervisors thereof: which were severally referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Beers: the remonstrance of Volney Calken and others against taking certain towns from Kent county and attaching them to the county of Montcalm; referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Hall: of Cyrus Lovell and 50 others, citizens of the county of Ionia, praying for a charter for a plank road from the village of Marshall in the county of Calhoun, to the village of Ionia in the county of Ionia.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Snow: of Amos Brown, for compensation for damages sustained by the construction of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Dennis: of William E. Fletcher and others, of Riga, Lenawee county, for the passage of an act authorizing said township to appropriate the one mill school tax for the support of primary schools in said township.

Referred to the committee on education.

By the Speaker: the remonstrance of J. D. Stebbins and 27 others, also of Chas. W. Rose and 17 others, against the relocation of the county site of Ottawa county.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton from the committee on banks and incorporations submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, have had under consideration the following bills:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848;

A bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Hastings Plank Road Company, to both of which they had made amendments in which they ask the concurrence of the House. Also,

A bill to incorporate the Saginaw and Genesee Plank Road Company, which they report back to the House without amendment, the committee recommend the passage of the bills, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

E. G. MORTON, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subjects, and the several bills reported back were read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

And the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred Senate bill to incorporate St. Mark's College at Grand Rapids, and Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Michi-

gan Central College at Spring Arbor, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report them back to the House, recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

E. G. MORTON.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the said bills,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Were severally referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize George M. Fifield to convey certain real estate, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend that it do not pass. This bill is of the same character of several others heretofore referred to your committee, the passage of which they did not advise. The general statutes of the state provide a way in which the estates of minors may be sold and conveyed. Special legislation is asked for in such cases because it affords a cheaper and more expeditious remedy. Special laws should not be passed to reach an end for which the general laws provide. Your committee ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject; and

On motion of Mr. Winchell,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis also submitted the following report.

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Tracy Richmond, a minor, to convey certain real estate, have had the same under consideration, and find that the father of said Tracy, in his life time, sold the land in question, about one acre, to be used as a burying ground, and that it has been used for such purposes for about ten years, but was never duly conveyed. Under these circumstances, your committee respectfully recommend the passage of the bill and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the bill reported back was read

twice, referred to the committee of the whole House and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of E. Tonner and others, praying for the passage of a law authorizing Jennette A. and Julia H. Spencer, minors, to convey certain real estate therein described, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee have instructed their chairman to report adverse to the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill reported back ordered laid on the table.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred a bill to amend sec. 63, chapter 14 of the revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration and have directed their chairman to report it back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject and the said bill read twice, placed on the General order, and referred to the committee of the whole.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred the petition of Susan Mills and William Mills, asking for the passage of an act to authorize them to convey certain real estate, have directed their chairman to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the bill reported back ordered laid on the table.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of B. A. Johnson and others, of Allen, Hillsdale county, asking for the passage of a law whereby they may obtain their proportion of school money for the year 1848, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the bill reported back, entitled a bill for the relief of the several school districts in the townships of Allen and Somerset, was read twice, ordered printed, and placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

And the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of C. C. Hascall and others, citizens of Genesee county, for the passage of a law authorizing James Seymour and Ogden Clark to keep up a dam across Flint river in the county of Genesee, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Mead, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following minority report:

The undersigned, a minority of the committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Julia H. Spencer and Jeanette Spencer, having dissented from the report of the majority of said committee, submits the accompanying bill, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, and recommends its passage.

H. S. MEAD.

The report was accepted, the bill reported, entitled a bill to authorize Julia H. Spencer and Jeanette A. Spencer to convey certain real estate, was read twice, ordered printed, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on state affairs, submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred Senate joint resolution relative to certain state property, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further

consideration of the subject and the said joint resolution ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Gidley, from the committee on banks and incorporations submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to amend the charter of the village of Niles, report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject and the bill reported back, read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report:

The committee on claims to whom was referred the Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of James Parshall have had the same under consideration and report the same back without amendment.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the joint resolution reported back, read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Also the following:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Jewet and others, for the relief of Ezra Chapman, who is confined on the limits of Berrien county, have had the same under consideration, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend it be referred to the committee on judiciary.

J. B. PIERCE, *Ch'n Com.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the said petition referred to the committee on the judiciary, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on claims.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 8, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a bill to incorporate the Monroe and Dearborn Plank Road Company;

Which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

Mr. Morton moved a suspension of the rules, and that said bill be put upon its final passage.

Which motion prevailed.

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bill read twice, when Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment thereto:

Insert after the word "force," in the 3d line of the 4th section, "and all acts amendatory thereto."

Which was adopted.

The bill was then read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Green,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,

Mr. Movius,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

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The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 8, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a bill to enlarge the powers of the

Trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion. The House amendments to which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have, by a two thirds vote, concurred in, and with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec'y of Senate.*

The Senate amendments to the House amendments to said bill were concurred in.

And also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 9, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is returned a bill to incorporate the Young Ladies Seminary of the city of Monroe, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote, with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, is transmitted a bill to authorize Julia A. Grougan to assign a certain land certificate, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, and respectfully asks the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The Senate amendment to the first named bill was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

The bill to authorize Julia A Grougan to assign a certain land certificate, was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Speaker also announced the following communication from the board of arbitrators on the claim of Jonathan Kearsley:

To the House of Representatives:

In accordance with the request contained in certain resolutions adopted by your Hon. body relative to the claim of Major Kearsley against the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan, the undersigned arbitrators herewith transmit notes of the parol testimony introduced before us; and also the documentary evidence. This, it is believed comprises all the evidence already adduced or to be adduced on either side.

It may be proper to state that we have been thus far uniformly at-

tended by at least two of the members of the Board of Regents, and their counsel, to protect the interests of the University; and also by Major Kearsley and his counsel; and that the testimony has been introduced in their presence, and the witnesses examined and cross-examined by them.

A. D. FRASER,
J. A. HICKS,
E. P. HASTINGS.

Detroit, 6th February, 1850.

Said report and documents accompanying, were referred to the select committee on the claim of Jonathan Kearsley.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. King gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to exempt property from highway tax along the line of plank roads in certain cases.

Mr. Beers gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 27 of the revised statutes of 1846. Also, a bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Carpenter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 122 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Mead gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for filling vacancies in certain offices affected by the late amendment to the constitution.

Mr. Bonham, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to authorize Levi C. Matthews, Samuel S. Riley and William R. Eck to erect a dam across the St. Joseph River, on sec. 1, in town 6 south of range 9 west, in the county of St. Joseph.

Referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Mead moved a suspension of the rules to enable him now to introduce a bill to provide for filling vacancies in certain offices.

Which motion prevailed.

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bill introduced, read twice, ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Montgomery, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted,

introduced a bill to provide for laying out a state road in the township of Walton.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Hussey gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce joint resolutions relative to the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States.

Mr. Winchell, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to vacate certain streets in the town of Lansing; referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Hussey gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the village of Battle Creek, in Calhoun county.

Mr. Britain moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday by which the bill to amend the revised statutes, and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people, in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Pending which, Mr. Britain stated the object of such reconsideration was to recommit the bill to the committee of the whole, with instructions to make certain amendments thereto, which amendments being discussed by Mr. Britain and Mr. Dennis, the Speaker decided such discussion not to be in order.

Mr. Dennis appealed from the decision of the chair and asked the yeas and nays thereon.

Pending which, the question of appeal was,

On motion of Mr. Sedgewick,

Ordered laid on the table.

And the question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was decided by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Roberts,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Montgomery,
Movius,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House took up from the table the bill to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company.

And the question being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole, they were non-concurred in.

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strike out in sec. 5, all after "of," in the first line, and insert "all general laws now in force, and all acts amendatory thereto, relative to plank roads.

Which was adopted and no further amendments being offered, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the order of its third reading.

Mr. Clarke gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a joint resolution of instructions relative to the act of Congress of 1793, which provides for the recapture of fugitives from labor.

Mr. Leach gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to slavery in the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Winchell,

The House took up the bill to vacate a township road in the township of Onondaga in the county of Ingham.

Which was ordered to a third reading, was so read, and passed by the House without amendment.

Mr. Dennis gave notice that he would ask leave on some future day to introduce a bill to amend the act incorporating the Adrian Church Association.

Also a bill to amend the act authorizing the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to construct a plank road, approved March 31, 1849.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The resolution offered by himself on yesterday, relative to the appointment of additional members to the select committee on the license laws, and the amendments thereto, was taken from the table.

And the question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Morton to add one "free soil hunker" to said committee, the same was withdrawn,

And renewed by Mr. Clarke.

Pending which, Mr. Roberts moved that the House adjourn;

But the House refused to adjourn by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Carpenter,
Dox,

Mr. Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
McCarty,

Mr. Millspaugh,
Morton,
J. B. Pierce,
Roberts,
Sacket,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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And the question recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Clarke,

Pending which,

Mr. Morton moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed,
Which motion prevailed.

The House having reached the order of bills for a third reading,

the bill to amend the revised statutes, and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people, in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution, was taken up for a third reading.

When Mr. Britain moved that the same be recommitted to the committee of the whole with instructions to amend the same as follows:

Add to section 2: "and all persons elected to office under the provisions of this act, shall enter upon the discharge of their official duties upon the expiration of the terms of their respective predecessors."

Add to section 3: "and during the present session of the Legislature, it shall be the duty of the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a Secretary of State and Auditor General, to act from and after the term of the respective incumbents last appointed. There shall be appointed by joint vote of the two houses, during the present session of the Legislature, a State Treasurer, to act from and after the term of the present incumbent. And it shall be the duty of the Governor, during the recess of the Legislature, to appoint persons to all constitutional offices which may be vacant during such recess, and to fill all vacancies in such offices which may occur previous to the election of such officers by the people; such appointment to continue until such officers shall be elected and qualified: *Provided always*, That all appointments to office under the provisions of this section, shall expire, cease and determine on or before the first day of January next.

And the question being on the motion to recommit, it was decided by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
McCarty,
Millspaugh
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott, Barlow, Barnes, Duncan, Fowle, Gidley, Green, Hall, Hayden,	Mr. Hussey, Jones, Kellogg, King, Kneeland, Leach, Martin, Mead, Montgomery,	Mr. Movius, N. Pierce, Renwick, Root, Scott, Sedgwick, Sloan, Spencer, Speaker.
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Mr. Colvin, voting with the majority, moved a reconsideration of the last vote.

Pending which, Mr. Hudson moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bonham, Burrows, Clarke, Dennis, Dox, Hudson, Irvine,	Mr. Kenyon, McCarty, Millsbaugh, Morton, Otis, J. B. Pierce, Price,	Mr. Roberts, Sackett, Scott, Welles, Willson, Winchell,
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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott, Barlow, Barnes, Beers, Britain, Carpenter, Cartter, Colvin, Duncan, Fowle, Gidley, Green, Hall,	Mr. Hayden, Hooker, Hussey, Ives, Jones, Kellogg, King, Kneeland, Leach, Martin, Mead, Montgomery, Movius,	Mr. Norton, N. Pierce, Renwick, Root, Sedgwick, Sloan, Smith, Snow, Spencer, Stockton, Street, Speaker,
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And the question recurring on the motion to reconsider, the same prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott, Barlow, Barnes, Beers, Burrows, Cartter,	Mr. Hall, Hayden, Hussey, Jones, Kellogg, Kenyon,	Mr. Montgomery, Movius, N. Pierce, Renwick, Root, Sedgwick,
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Colvin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Millsaugh,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Roberts.
Sackett,
Scott,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,
Wilson,

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Mr. Spencer moved that the House take a recess until two o'clock P. M.

Pending which, Mr. Clarke moved that the House adjourn.

But the House refused to adjourn.

And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Spencer, the same did not prevail.

Mr. Dennis moved that the bill be referred to the committee on education with the instructions offered by Mr. Britain.

Mr. Scott moved the previous question.

Pending which, Mr. Britain moved that the House do now adjourn, which motion did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy.

Mr. King,
Kneeland,
McCarty,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Roberts,

Mr. Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Leach,

Mr. Montgomery,
Movius,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sloan,
Snow,

Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,

Stockton,
Winchell,
Speaker, 30

And the question being taken on the motion of Mr. Scott for the previous question, the same was ordered, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. Movius,
Otis,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Britain,
Clarke,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Roberts,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,

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The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Dennis to refer to the committee on education, the same did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Clark,
Dennis,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kenneday,
King,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,
Wilson,
Winchell, 27

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Cartter,
Colvin,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Mr. Movius,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Scott,
Sedgwick,

Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Speaker,

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Mr. Welles moved that the House adjourn.

The Speaker decided the motion not in order.

Mr. Clarke appealed from the decision of the chair.

Mr. Britain moved that the House adjourn.

The Speaker decided the motion not in order.

And the question recurring on the appeal of Mr. Clarke, the question being put,

Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the House?

It was decided affirmatively by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Montgomery,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Root,
Scott,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Winchell,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,

Mr. Hooker,
Ives,
King,
Leach,
Otis,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Welles,
Willson,

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The bill was then put on its final passage and passed the House by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Duncan,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Stockton,

Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,

Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 36

NAYS.

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,
Ives,

Mr. Jones,
Kennedy,
King,
McCarty,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Roberts,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street, 21

When, on motion of Mr. Clarke,
The House adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, February 11, 1850.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and the members all present.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS..

By Mr. Green: of Willian Palmer and 101 other citizens of Lenawee county, asking the repeal of the ditch law, and asked its reference to the committee on the judiciary.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Beers: of Ezra Billings, asking for relief for services and labor on the Grand River road in 1840, 1841 and 1843.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Wilson: of V. R. Paine and others, to amend act No. 77 of session laws of 1847, entitled an act to provide for a special tax for the improvement of the territorial and Vistula road.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Willson: of Seth B. Sayers and Ranchy Ann Bidler, to change the name of Ervin Eugene Bidler to Ervin Eugene Sayers.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Montgomery: of 90 voters of Tyler and Eaton Rapids, for uniting the townships of Tyler and Eaton Rapids, in Eaton county, in one township, to be called Eaton Rapids; of A. Hamlin and

24 other voters, in said townships, to the same effect; and of B. Knight and 91 other voters in said townships, to the same effect.

Which were severally referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Britain: of Orson R. Willard, for payment of expenses incurred under a requisition of the Governor of this state upon the Governor of the state of Illinois.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Britain: of George Murdock and 17 others, for a law authorizing said Murdock to convey certain lands.

Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Britain: of B. C. Hoyt, of St. Joseph, for a law by which his account with the state land office can be settled.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Hussey: of Asa Johnson and 94 others, of the township of Penfield, Calhoun county, praying the passage of a law to authorize the road commissioners of said town to alter the state road running from Battle Creek to Bellevue, and asked to have it referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Hayden: of J. R. Booker and 50 others, praying for the vacation of the south half of block No. 6, in the village of Lawrence in the county of Van Buren.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Axford: of E. Clark, Harvie Stillson, and 161 others, asking for a charter for the Clarkston Academical Institute, and for an appropriation for the benefit of the same, and asked that it be referred to the committee on education.

It was ordered to be so referred.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 22, to repeal an act entitled an act for the dissolution of certain school districts in the county of Oakland, approved March 29, 1849, and the remonstrance of J. B. Watson and 56 others, against the repeal of said act, respectfully report:

That upon an inquiry into the facts of the case, they have become satisfied that the passage of the said act of 1849 was ill-advised, to say the least, and possibly obtained through misrepresentation of the wishes of the school district dissolved by it; and your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the said act should be repealed, so that the said district may be entitled to all the privileges which the passage of said act deprived them.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of said bill, referred to them, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, *Cl'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Otis, chairman of committee on roads and bridges, introduced a bill to amend act No. 165 of the session laws of 1848, entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads.

The bill was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of F. F. Perkins, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee so discharged, and leave granted petitioner to withdraw his petition.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of John B. Hoesie, praying the state to pay him damage by reason of the central rail road passing through his farm, have had the same under consideration, and direct their chairman to make the following report:

Your committee find by referring to act No. 42, session laws of 1846, being an act to provide for the sale of the central rail road, and to incorporate the Michigan Central Rail Road Company, that the state sell all their right, title and interest to said road, together with the right of way they then owned, or might become possessed of. But the act provides that nothing in this act shall be so construed as

to make the state liable for any right of way which the state did not own at the time of the acceptance of said charter. So, in the opinion of your committee, the claim of John B. Hoesie is against the Michigan Central Rail Road Company, and not against the State of Michigan. Your committee ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

J. B. PIERCE, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee so discharged, and said petition ordered laid on the table.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 9, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith a bill to incorporate the Monroe and Dearborn Plank Road Company, and respectfully inform you that the Senate have non-concurred in the amendment made by the House thereto.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The House receded from their amendment to said bill.

Mr. Roberts, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills:

A bill to amend the act incorporating the Minnesota Mining Company, approved March 7, 1849;

A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company; and

A bill to revive the act to incorporate the Chippewa Portage Company, approved March 17, 1849.

Which, on motion of Mr. Morton,

Were severally ordered to be referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

Mr. Welles, voting with the majority, moved a reconsideration of the vote of Saturday, on the final passage of the bill to amend the revised statutes and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people, in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution.

The Speaker stated the motion to reconsider could not be entertained, the bill having passed out of the possession of the House.

Mr. Roberts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to wait upon the Secretary of the Senate, and request from him a return of his message of this date, announcing the action of this House on the bill to amend the revised statutes and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people, in pursuance to an amendment of the constitution, and obtain said bill for the further action of this House.

The Speaker stating the question to be on the resolution offered by Mr. Roberts,

Mr. Welles took an appeal therefrom.

And the question being, "shall the decision of the Chair stand as the decision of the House?"

It was decided affirmatively, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,

Mr. Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Leach,
McCarty,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,

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And the question recurring on the resolution offered by Mr. Roberts,

Mr. Snow moved to lay the same on the table,

Which motion did not prevail as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Duncan,

Mr. Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,

Mr. Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,

Mr. Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
McCarty,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The question again recurring on the resolution of Mr. Roberts,

It was not adopted, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,

Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,

Strowbridge,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Gidley,

House Bill No. 43, to provide for the holding of a convention, was made the special order of the day for Thursday next, and every day thereafter till the same be disposed of.

Mr. Roberts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an addition of four members be made to the select committee in respect to the question as to licenses.

Adopted.

Mr. Mead offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House will, from and after this day, until further ordered, hold two sessions each day, one commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., and the other at 2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. N. Pierce moved to strike out 10 and insert 9, which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the resolution of Mr. Mead,

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

It was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Hudson, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trenton and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Kneeland, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, approved March 28, 1849.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. McCarty gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill asking for the organization of the county of Midland.

Mr. Strowbridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House do meet, till otherwise ordered, at 9 A. M., and adjourn at 2 P. M.

Mr. Clarke moved to strike out 2 P. M., pending which,

On motion of Mr. Scott, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The House having reached the order of

BILLS FOR A THIRD READING,

Took up the bill to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company; when,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House unanimously consented to the following amendments thereto:

Strike out the name of "Dennis Cooley," in line 2, sec. 1, and insert that of "Samuel Rodgers;" and strike out in line 1 of sec. 5, the words "and all acts amendatory thereto relative to plank roads."

The bill was then read a third time and passed, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Axford,	Jones,	Price,	
Barlow,	Ke'logg,	Quackenboss,	
Beers,	Kennedy,	Renwick,	
Burrows,	Kenyon,	Roberts,	
Carpenter,	King,	Root,	
Cartter,	Kneeland,	Sacket,	
Chamberlain,	Lester,	Sedgwick,	
Colvin,	Martin,	Sloan,	
Dennis,	McCarty,	Smith,	
Dox,	Mead,	Snow,	
Duncan,	Millsbaugh,	Spencer,	
Fowle,	Montgomery,	Stockton,	
Gidley,	Morton,	Street,	
Green,	Movius,	Strowbridge,	
Hooker,	Norton,	Wilson.	
Hudson,	Otis,	Winchell,	
Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,	Speaker,	54

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The House then resolved itself into Committee of the whole,
Mr. Irvine in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration the following entitled bills, to which they had made sundry amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and that the committee might be discharged from the further consideration thereof:

A bill to change the name of Celestia Rebecca Richards; and

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Lawrence Plank Road Company.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the several amendments to the above named bills concurred in, and the same were ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce, the House adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, February 12, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and members all present.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

The Speaker announced the following additions to the select committee on license laws: Messrs. Roberts, Dennis, Gidley, Root.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Roberts: of John Outhwaite and others, of Cleveland, Ohio, asking for an act of incorporation for an iron mining company in the upper peninsula, and asked its reference to the committee on mines and minerals.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Green: of E. J. Baldwin and others, asking an amendment to the act incorporating the Indiana and Adrian Plank Road Company.

Referred to the committee and banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Stockton: of Henry Teats and 36 others of the county of Macomb, asking the more effectual protection of wool growers against the depredations of dogs among sheep.

Referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

By Mr. Axford: the remonstrance of Daniel B. Harrington and 66 others of Port Huron, St. Clair county, against attaching a certain portion of said county to Sanilac; also of Moses R. Smith and 20 others of Port Huron to the same effect, and of Jonathan Burtch and 101 others of the township of Burtchville of the county of St. Clair to the same effect.

Severally referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Lester: of John Sheldon and 70 others of the county of Sanilac, asking for the alteration of the line between the counties of St. Clair and Sanilac; of David Shell and others to the same effect; of Augustus Wells and others to the same effect, and asked their reference to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

They were severally ordered to be so referred.

Also of J. H. Adams and others for the laying out and establishing a state road from Lexington to Point Aux Barques on the shore of Lake Huron.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. King: of John Peters and 91 others, citizens of the county of Monroe, asking for the passage of a law more effectually to compel the Southern Rail Road Company to keep the ditches clean along said road, and asked its reference to the committee on the judiciary.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Chamberlin: of Wm. Wells and Catharine Cusick, administrator and administratrix of the estate of Clark S. Cusick, late of Macomb county, deceased, asking for the passage of an act authorizing them to convey real estate.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Spencer: of Mark Norris and 67 others, citizens of Washtenaw county, without distinction of party, praying that certain joint resolutions heretofore passed by the Legislature respecting the territories of the United States, and relative to slavery in the District of Columbia, be not repealed, but that they may be re-enacted.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Strowbridge: of A. B. Bailey and 40 others, residents of that portion of the township of Lapeer formerly an organized town by the name of Mayfield, praying for a repeal of sec. 16 of an act to organize certain towns, and for other purposes, approved March 16, 1849; and the remonstrance of Joseph Carpenter and 30 others, residents of Lapeer, against any action of the Legislature disturbing the present organization of the town of Lapeer, and asked their reference to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

They were ordered to be so referred.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Ionia county, for a charter for a plank road from Marshall, Calhoun county, to Ionia, in the county of Ionia, reported a bill for that purpose, recommend its passage, and asked a discharge from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill reported back, entitled a bill to incorporate the Marshall and Ionia Plank Road Company, read twice, placed on the general order, and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of A. B. Cook and others, of Calhoun county, asking the discontinuance of a state road in the township of Marengo, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report adversely to granting the request of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Stevens and others of Hillsdale county, asking for the laying out of a state road, have had the same under consideration and have instructed their chairman to report adverse to the prayer of said petition, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A. H. OTIS, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education to whom was referred the petition of John P. Weeks of Grattan in Kent county, praying that a school district may be set off for his accommodation, respectfully report that

they see no reason in the facts set forth in the petition referred to them, for taking the case of the petitioner out of the general law; which has devolved upon the school inspectors of the several townships, the duty of organizing such school districts, and with such boundaries as they think best. It is reasonable to suppose that the inspectors are better able to judge of the merits of such a case as the one presented by the petition before us, than the legislature can be; and if the decisions of the inspectors, either wantonly or unwisely made, injure or oppress the petitioner, as he alleges, his appeals to the people at the township elections will probably afford him all the redress which his case justifies, without disturbing the operation of general laws.

Your committee therefore suggest that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, and they ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Movius gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce joint resolutions in relation to the Michigan Southern and Erie and Kalamazoo Rail Roads.

Mr. Spencer gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company in the county of Washtenaw.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The bill to provide for filling vacancies in certain offices was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole House, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Mead gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to lay out and establish a certain state road in Hillsdale county.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The committee of the whole were discharged from further consideration of the bill relative to the county of Manistee.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to incorporate the Young Ladies' Seminary of the city of Monroe;

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Beers, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to amend chapter 27 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

And also a bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Referred also to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The House took up, under a suspension of the rules, the bill to amend an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848, (Senate bill No. 23,)

And the question being on adopting the amendments recommended by the committee on banks and incorporations, the bill with said amendments were,

On motion of Mr. Britain,

Ordered laid on the table and printed.

The memorial of the Legislature of Michigan to the Congress of the United States, relative to certain donations of land by the government of the United States to the inhabitants of the territory of Michigan, was,

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

Then taken up and adopted by the House.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having reached the order of third reading of bills, the following entitled bills were taken up, read a third time, and passed by the House, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Lawrence Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carlter,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Sedgwick,

Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dox,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Lester,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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And by a majority vote, a bill to change the name of Celestia Rebecca Richards.

On motion of Mr. Mead,

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on House bill No. 44, entitled a bill to provide for filling vacancies in certain offices,

Mr. Jones in the chair,

And after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported the same back to the House without amendment, and asked to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged,

And the question being on ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Mead offered the following amendment:

Strike out "day," in the 5th and 6th lines of sec. 2, and insert "Monday."

Adopted.

Mr. Dennis moved that the bill be now laid on the table.

Which motion did not prevail, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Sacket,

Mr. Scott,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Strowbridge,
Speaker,

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Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words "ad interim," wherever it occurs.

Which was lost, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Hudson,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
Kneeland,
Norton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Street,
Welles,
Wilson,
Winchel,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,

Mr. Movius,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Speaker,

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Mr. Clarke also offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words "and not longer," in the last lines of sections 1 and 2. When

Mr. Britain offered the following substitute:

Sec. 1, 4th line, after 1851, insert "and until his successor shall be elected and qualified."

Which was accepted, and Mr. Clarke's amendment withdrawn.

And the question being on the adoption of the amendment of Mr. Britain, the same was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hayden,	Mr. Movius,
Barlow,	Hudson,	Norton,
Barnes,	Hussey,	Otis,
Beers,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,
Bonham,	Ives,	N. Pierce,
Britain,	Kellogg,	Price,
Burrows,	Kennedy,	Quackenboss,
Carpenter,	Kenyon,	Roberts,
Carter,	King,	Root,
Chamberlin,	Kneeland,	Sacket,
Colvin,	Leach,	Sedgwick,
Clarke,	Lester,	Sloan,
Dennis,	Martin,	Smith,
Dox,	McCarty,	Snow,
Duncan,	Mead,	Street,
Gidley,	Millspaugh,	Stowbridge,
Green,	Montgomery,	Willson,
Hall,	Morton,	Speaker.

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Noyes,	Mr. Stockton,
Hooker,	Renwick,	Winchell,
Jones,		

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Mr. Clarke then renewed his amendment, withdrawn for the last named amendment of Mr. Britain, and the same was not adopted.

Mr. Britain also offered the following amendment to section 2:

Sec. 2, line 6, after 1851, insert "and until their successors shall be elected and qualified."

Adopted.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment also, to sec. 2:

Sec. 2. line 5, strike out "the first Monday of January," and insert "the close of the present session."

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Bidley,

The bill and amendment was referred to the committee on the judiciary, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Leach,
McCarty,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell, 30

NAYS:

Mr. Bariow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Fowle,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,

Mr. Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
N. Pierce,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Smith,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Speaker, 29

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole, on the general order,

Mr. Barnes in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration, a bill to incorporate the Marshall and Bellevue Plank Road company, had made amendments thereto, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and that the committee might be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the amendments concurred in, and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Clarke moved that the House take a recess until 2½ o'clock P. M.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Dennis,
The House adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 13, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called and members all present.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Britain: of George Esseck and 82 others, citizens of Berrien, in the county of Berrien, for the establishment of a general system of free schools.

Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Clarke: the remonstrance of C. B. Webster and 130 others, against the repeal of the resolutions on the subject of slavery, and praying that the same may be re-enacted; of Joseph Chedsey and 48 others, to the same effect; of Joseph Bentley, Wm. R. McCall and others, to the same effect; of Charles B. Dibble, Jabez Fox and others, to the same effect.

Severally referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Leach: of N. W. Butts and 108 others, citizens of Genesee county, praying for the passage of joint resolutions instructing our delegation in Congress to use their influence against the extension of slavery into territories now free, and remonstrating against the rescinding of the resolutions upon the same subject, passed by the Legislature of 1849; of W. W. Booth and 57 others of Genesee county, to the same effect; of R. Winget and 43 others, citizens of Genesee county, to the same effect.

Severally referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Montgomery: of H. A. Shaw and 142 others, citizens and voters of Eaton and Calhoun counties, for the appointment of three commissioners for laying out the road from Eaton Rapids to Marshall, and expending the appropriation made in 1849 for that purpose; and asked that it be referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

It was so referred.

By Mr. Kennedy: of George McWilliams and 86 others, inhabitants of the townships of Ridgeway and Blissfield, asking the annexation of the south tier of sections of the township of Ridgeway to the township of Blissfield.

Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Sackett: of James Durham and 78 others, asking the reduction of the price of University lands in Southfield in the county of Oakland, and asked its reference to the committee on public lands.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Carpenter: the memorial of Jonathan Kearsley, relative to the negotiation of the \$100,000 for the University of Michigan, and asked its reference to the select committee on the claim of Jonathan Kearsley.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Hudson: the claim of Daniel Munger, successor of the firm of Munger & Pattison, for services rendered.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Gidley: the remonstrance of Samuel Chadwick and 50 others of the county of Jackson against the repeal of the joint resolutions respecting the territories of the United States, passed during the session of 1849.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Ezra Billings, asking for relief, for services and labor on Detroit and Grand River road, have had the same under consideration and direct their chairman to report the same back, accompanied by a bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill reported, entitled a bill for the relief of Ezra Billings, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances relative to attaching a certain portion of the county of Kent to the county of Montcalm, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted and committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of B. Hubbard and others, asking an appropriation of non-resident taxes of the township of Royal Oak, Oakland county, on a certain road, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that in the opinion of the committee there is no legislation necessary; that the township commissioners can, by the present law, so divide their town into districts as to have the non-resident tax properly laid out; and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, approved March 28, 1849, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill reported back, entitled a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, approved March 28, 1849, read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Alfred Ashley for extension of the time in Act No. 81, session laws of 1849, have had the same under consideration and in accordance with the prayer of said petition, report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, the bill, entitled a bill for the relief of Alfred Ashley, read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Levi C. Matthews, Samuel S. Riley and William R. Eck to erect a dam across the St. Joseph river on section one in township six south of range nine west in the county of St. Joseph, have had the same under consideration, and report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill, entitled a bill to authorize Levi C. Matthews and others to erect a dam across the St. Josephs river in sec. 1, town 6 south of range 9 west, in the county of St. Joseph, was read twice, ordered placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred the petition of George H. Murdock and 17 others, for the passage of a law authorizing said Murdock to convey certain real estate, have had the same under consideration, and report adverse to the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend chapter 36 of the revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report adverse to the passage of the bill.

Your committee think that the price to be paid to physicians for their services and medicines can be agreed upon between them and those who employ them quite as well as the price of labor and property by other persons in other cases, and that it is not politic to establish by law the price of labor or property; and above all, that it would be unjust to single out any particular trade or profession and

subject it to such regulations. Your committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of said bill.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred House bill entitled a bill to amend section one hundred and seventy-six of chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration as directed by the House, and respectfully report that constables are now by law declared to be ministerial officers of justices of the peace, and are required to serve all process lawfully directed to them. Your committee are of opinion that all process issued from a justice's court should be directed to any constable of the proper county, unless it is otherwise expressly provided by law and therefore recommend that the bill do not pass, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred the petition of Orson R. Willard, sheriff of Berrien county, for payment of expenses incurred under a requisition of the Governor of this state on the Governor of the state of Illinois, ask leave to report the same back to the House and to recommend that it be referred to the committee on claims.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and said petition referred to the committee on claims, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trenton and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask for a discharge from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill to revive and continue in force

certain sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trenton and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company, read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred sundry petitions to authorize cities, villages and towns to take stock in plank roads, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

M. B. MARTIN, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, the bill to authorize cities, villages and towns to take stock in plank roads, read twice, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 12, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith the following entitled bills, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same by a two-thirds vote, with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz:

1. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company;

2. A bill to amend the act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo Plank Road Company;

3. A bill to incorporate the Plymouth Plank Road Company;

4. A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company;

5. And a bill to incorporate the Union society of Livonia.

Also to return herewith,

6. A bill to vacate a portion of the village of Geneva, in the county of Cass;

And to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, and to re-

spectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same by a two-thirds vote, and in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

7. A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit;

8. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Grand River Hydraulic Company;

9. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Saginaw and Grand River Canal Company;

10. A bill to incorporate the Portland and Lansing Plank Road Company;

11. A bill to incorporate the Fentonville and Milford Plank Road Company;

12. A bill to incorporate the Grand River Plank Road Company;

13. A bill to incorporate the Plymouth and Dearborn Plank Road Company.

Also the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, viz:

14. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter 25 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out, altering or discontinuing highways, approved March 18, 1848;

15. A bill providing for the punishment of persons in possession of stolen property in this state, having stolen the same in another state, and for the punishment of receivers of stolen property in certain cases;

16. A bill amending section 71, chapter 20 of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to the printing of the statements of lands delinquent for taxes, and

17. A joint resolution relative to the claim of Alexander Tichworth;

And to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The first named bill was ordered laid on the table.

The Senate amendments to the second named bill were concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bill as amended ordered enrolled.

The third named bill was ordered laid on the table.

The fourth named bill was ordered laid on the table.

The Senate amendments to the fifth named bill were concurred in by a two-thirds vote and the bill as amended was ordered enrolled.

The sixth named was ordered laid on the table.

The seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth named were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The fourteenth named bill was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The fifteenth named to the committee on judiciary.

The sixteenth named to the committee of ways and means.

And the seventeenth named to the committee on claims.

Messrs. Smith and Norton, members from Cass, offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, It was resolved by the convention of the county of Cass, that thirty days were sufficient for the present Legislature to transact all necessary legislative business, and that, if at the expiration of forty days the Legislature do not adjourn, that the representatives of the county of Cass leave their seats and return to their constituents.

Resolved, That the representatives of the county of Cass have leave from this House to act in accordance with the said resolutions and return to their constituents for an indefinite period.

Mr. Cartter offered the following as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient and unwise to relieve the members from Cass from their attendance upon this House, for the reasons set forth in the above preamble.

Resolved, That we deem the doctrine set forth in the above preamble dangerous and impolitic, and that no county has the power or right to withdraw any portion of its delegation from the duties imposed upon them by the constitution and laws, and we deem such a course in direct violation of both.

Mr. Morton moved that the resolutions and substitute be laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis moved their indefinite postponement.

The motion of Mr. Morton taking precedence under the rules, the question was taken thereon, and the same prevailed.

So the resolutions and substitute were ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Hussey, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced joint

resolutions respecting the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States.

Referred to committee on federal relations.

Mr. Spencer, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company, in the county of Washtenaw.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Montgomery, by unanimous consent of the House, introduced joint resolutions relative to the officers of the late navy of Texas.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Leach, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced joint resolutions relative to slavery in the district of Columbia.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Scott gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing Morris S. Allen, of Clinton county, to convey certain real estate.

Mr. Clarke, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced joint resolutions of instructions relative to the act of Congress providing for the re-capture of fugitives from labor.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Barlow gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Hastings and Yankee Springs Plank Road Company.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, on leave, introduced a concurrent resolution relative to the appointment of a sub-committee to visit the state prison.

Ordered laid over one day under the rules of the House.

Mr. Strowbridge gave notice that on some future day he should ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize Erie Prince to build a dam across Thornapple river in the county of Kent.

Mr. Mead gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the charters of the Hillsdale and Indiana, and Hillsdale and Coldwater Plank Roads.

Mr. Cartter asked leave of absence for David A. Rhoads, Sergeant-at-arms, for one week.

Granted.

On motion of Mr. Willson,

Charles Taylor was appointed Sergeant-at-arms pro tempore, during the absence of Mr. Rhoads.

On motion of Mr. Winchell,

The bill to authorize George M. Fifield to convey real estate, was taken from the table, read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having reached the order of bills for a third reading, took up and passed by a two-thirds vote, a bill to incorporate the Marshall and Bellevue Plank Road Company.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Quackenboss in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

A bill to incorporate the Breedessville and South Haven Plank Road Company, with a substitute therefor, and recommend its adoption;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849, with amendments thereto; and

A bill to amend chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, and in addition thereto, with sundry amendments.

In all which they asked the concurrence of the House, and that the committee might be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The substitute for the first named bill was adopted, and

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Amended as follows:

Substitute for sec. 5: "The provisions of all general laws now in force relative to plank roads shall be and are made a part of this act."

The bill as amended was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The second named bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary, and

The third named bill was ordered laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss, the House adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, February 14, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Chatfield.

Mr. Duncan announced that the Hon. Hiram Moore, member elect from the county of Kalamazoo, was in attendance; whereupon Mr. Moore appeared at the Clerk's desk, took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office, and took his seat as a member of the House.

The roll was called; Messrs. Burrows, Dox, Hudson, Kenyon and Price absent without leave.

Mr. Stockton asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Burrows for one week.

Mr. Snow for Mr. Dox for one week.

Mr. Willson for Mr. Kenyon until Tuesday next.

Mr. Bonham for Mr. Price for an indefinite time.

The journal was read and approved.

● PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Axford: the remonstrance of John H. Westbrook and 104 others, citizens of the township of Brockway in the county of St. Clair, against attaching a portion of the county of St. Clair to the county of Sanilac.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Willson: of Wm. H. Johnson and others, to amend an act to provide for laying out a state road from the Ohio line, north to the village of Hudson.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Winchell: of V. H. Powell and 82 others for a charter for a plank road from Mason to Jackson; of Hiram Converse and 40 others to the same effect; of S. H. Worden and 24 others to the same effect; of J. W. Hopkins and 52 others to the same effect; of F. W. Phelps and 44 others to the same effect.

Which were severally referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Qackenboss: of Addison J. Comstock and others for the repeal of the act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

And of M. A. Patterson and 168 others, citizens of Lenawee county, asking that some remedy may be applied to the evils arising from the present system of convict labor in the state prison.

Referred to committee on state prison.

By Mr. : of Ebenezer Butterworth and others asking the vacation of a part of the village plat of Mason.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Hall: the remonstrance of citizens of the townships of Berlin and Boston in the county of Ionia against the passage of an act to appropriate certain non-resident taxes on a certain road passing through said towns.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Britain: of R. C. Hoyt and 34 others for the vacation of the village plat of the village of Royalton in Berrien county.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Otis: the claim of Cyrus Howard for the reward offered by Lieut. Gov. Mundy in 1839, for the apprehension of the person or persons who set fire to the C. R. R. bridge over the river Rouge.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By the Speaker: the remonstrance of A. C. Van Raalte and 357 other citizens of the towns of Holland and Allendale in the county of Ottawa, against the relocation of the county site of said county.

Referred to committee on organization of towns and counties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred sundry petitions for, and a remonstrance against attaching a part of the township of Bertrand in the county of Berrien to the township of Niles, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject and the bill to attach a part of the township of Bertrand in the county of Berrien to the township of Niles,

was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Also, the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred a bill to provide for the establishing the seat of justice for the county of Newaygo, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill to provide for establishing the seat of justice for the county of Newaygo read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole.

And the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred sundry petitions asking that the towns of Tyler and Eaton Rapids in Eaton county, might be united into one township, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and a bill to unite the townships of Tyler and Eaton Rapids in the county of Eaton, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole.

And also the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred sundry petitions from the citizens of the township of Bertrand in the county of Berrien, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 80, to amend an act entitled an act relative to free schools in

the city of Detroit, respectfully report that they have considered the same and have instructed me to report the same back, proposing an amendment, recommend the passage of the bill and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, Senate bill No. 30 read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church in Mt. Clemens, asking for authority to sell and convey a certain lot with the building thereon, for educational purposes, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill, entitled a bill to authorize the treasurer of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mt. Clemens to convey certain real estate, was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the following bills:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Grand Rapids Hydraulic Company;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Saginaw and Grand River Canal Company, reported the same back to the House, recommended their passage, and asked for a discharge of the committee from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the several bills reported back read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the German Society of Saginaw, reported the same back to the House, recommended its passage and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report:

The committee on claims to whom was referred the Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of Alexander Tichworth, have had the same under consideration and directed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and said joint resolution,

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Was ordered laid on the table.

Also the following:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Daniel Munger, successor of the firm of Munger & Pattison, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend that it be referred to the committee on printing.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and said claim ordered referred to the committee on printing, as recommended by the committee.

And the following:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Orson R. Williams for relief, have had the same under consideration, and direct their chairman to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioner, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Hayden, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition for the relief of John H. Child, by payment to him of a certain sum which he claims to be due him for services rendered upon the main road from Lansing in the county of Ingham, to Jackson, in the county of Jackson, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to make the following report:

That it is the opinion of your committee that the state is not called upon by any principle of law or equity to allow or pay said claim. It appears upon investigation, that the Legislature of 1848 made an appropriation of land for the purpose of improving the road above described, and that subsequently E. B. Danforth, Esq., was appointed a special commissioner for the purpose of expending the appropriation, in conformity to the above act; and that, in the pursuance of his duties as commissioner, he employed your petitioner to do certain duties and perform certain labors, and for such service he was to receive payment in the lands appropriated for that purpose. Your committee are therefore unanimously of the opinion that the state cannot be under any obligation, legally, equitably or otherwise, to make good any contract that the said special commissioner may have made; but are of the opinion that the said petitioner must seek his remedy of the said commissioner, his employer.

Your committee do not assume to express any opinion on the merit or demerit of the claim set forth by the petitioner. But, perhaps, they may, without prejudice to any interests, be permitted to say that it would, in their opinion, be very bad policy for the Legislature to establish the precedent of allowing and paying claims like the one set forth by the petitioner, in view of the fact that in the year 1848 aforesaid, the Legislature did appropriate, or in other words, give and present to various portions of the state, large amounts of lands for the purpose of making local improvements, and which have been of very limited general benefit or utility to the people of the state at large.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion, in view of the ex-

trease liberality already bestowed on localities, that the state should not now make an additional cash appropriation for the same purpose by allowing this claim, and thereby establishing a precedent that would bring an innumerable host of applicants to our doors, praying for a like settlement of their claims, and a like redress of their grievances.

Your committee would therefore respectfully recommend that no further action be had on the subject matter of this claim, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition from the files of the House, and the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. HAYDON.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges have had under consideration Senate bill No. 48, to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter 25 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out roads, and report the said bill back without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject and said bill read twice, when Mr. Duncan moved a suspension of the rules in order to put the same on its third reading.

The motion prevailed, the rules were suspended, said bill read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Morton,

The same was laid on the table and ordered printed.

Also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges have had under consideration Senate bill No. 33, for establishing a certain road in the county of Branch, and beg leave to report that said bill is wholly unnecessary; it being to lay out a road wholly in one township and only 53 chains long. The highway commissioners have full authority to lay out roads in their towns when they are properly applied to, and if they from

any cause refuse to lay out a road, the aggrieved party can appeal to the township board, and they are obliged to view the premises and hear the allegations and proofs of the parties and if in their opinion, the public good will be promoted by laying out said road, the commissioners under their direction are obliged to lay out said proposed road. Therefore your committee recommend that said bill do not pass and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, when,

On motion of Mr. Mead,

Said bill was ordered laid on the table.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 13, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted:

1. A bill to amend section 1 of an act to authorize the Michigan Southern Rail Road Company to repair their road with heavy rails, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849.

2. A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company.

3. A bill to amend an act to create a road fund for the benefit of the German Colonists in Saginaw county, and to authorize the appointment of commissioners to expend the same, approved March 31, 1849.

4. A joint resolution in regard to the admission of California into the Union.

All of which the Senate have passed, the first two named by a two-thirds, and the last two named by a majority vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, is herewith returned:

5. A bill in relation to stocks pledged by banks, and for other purposes;

In which I am instructed to respectfully inform you the Senate have concurred by a two-thirds vote.

Also, to transmit herewith,

A bill to amend the revised statutes, and to provide for the election of certain officers by the people, in pursuance to an amendment to the constitution.

And respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in the first House amendment thereto, and that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

The first named bill was ordered laid on the table and printed.

The second name bill was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The third to the committee on roads and bridges.

The fourth to the committee on federal relations.

The fifth was ordered enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the House amendments to the sixth were concurred in.

The Speaker announced a report of the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Asylums, in obedience to a resolution of the House of the 13th ult.

Ordered laid on the table and printed.

On motion of Mr. Norton,

The bill to vacate a portion of the village plat of the village of Geneva, in the county of Cass, and for other purposes, was taken from the table.

And the question being on concurring in the Senate amendments thereto, the same were non-concurred in.

Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the report of the Regents of the State University, communicated by his excellency the Governor, to the Senate, together with the accompanying documents and papers relative to the recent difficulties in the University, be printed for the use of this House.

Adopted.

Mr. Axford offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, A resolution was adopted by this House on the 26th day of January last, in the following words:

“Resolved, That the committee on printing be instructed to report a bill to repeal an act relative to state printing, and that said committee enquire into the expediency of proceeding forthwith for the restoration of the contract system;” therefore

Resolved, That the committee on printing be required to comply with the provisions of said resolution on or before Saturday next. .

Mr. Noyes offered the following amendment, which was accepted:

Strike out the words “on or before Saturday next,” and insert “as soon as practicable.”

Mr. Scott moved to amend the amendment of the member from Wayne, by inserting “on or before Wednesday next.”

Which amendment was adopted.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, the same was adopted.

Mr. Carpenter, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 122 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The preamble and resolution of Messrs. Smith and Norton, offered on yesterday, and the substitute therefor offered by Mr. Cartter, were taken from the table.

Mr. Stockton moved that the substitute of Mr. Cartter be adopted.

Mr. Mead moved to strike out the second resolution in the substitute.

Mr. Leach offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words “no county,” in the second resolution, and insert “no party in any county.”

Mr. O’is moved to postpone the whole subject until the 20th of March next; which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Leach, the same was adopted.

Mr. Spencer offered the following amendment:

Strike all after the word “resolution,” in the original resolution, and insert the following, to wit: “That each member of this House

have leave to act in accordance with the said resolutions, and return to his constituents for an indefinite period, from and after the 11th day of March next."

Which was not adopted.

The question then recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Mead, the same was not adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of the substitute as amended, for the original resolution, the same was adopted.

And the substitute passed.

Mr. Leach offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing all laws for the collection of debts, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Welles moved its indefinite postponement.

Mr. Stockton moved to lay the motion of Mr. Welles on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

And the question recurring on the resolution, the same was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The House substitute for Senate bill No. 23 was taken from the table and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

Senate bill No. 33 was taken from the table, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Renwick gave notice that he would on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal certain provisions of law relative to appeals from the boards of supervisors.

Mr. Hussay gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to renew and amend the charter of Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Axford,

House bill No. 23 was taken from the table, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Irvine, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to change the name of the town of Sheboygan, in the county of Michilimackinac, to that of Invaness.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

Mr. Hooker, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled

A bill to amend the act to incorporate the Mount Clemens and Romeo Plank Road Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Union Society of Livonia.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

The House having reached the order of

BILLS FOR THIRD READING,

The bill to incorporate the Breedsville and South Haven Plank Road Company, was taken up for a third reading; when,

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

It was ordered laid on the table.

The House then took up on the order of

UNFINISHED BUSINESS,

The concurrent resolution relative to the appointment of a sub-committee to visit the state prison, when Mr. Clarke moved that the same be laid on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Stockton offered the following substitute therefor:

Be and they are hereby appointed a committee to investigate the affairs of the state prison, and that they report their proceedings during the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. Dennis moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House then took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The House was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M, by the Speaker, and,

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

Went into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Mead in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration,

A bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto, upon which they had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again thereon.

The report was accepted, leave granted, and the committee discharged.

When, on motion of Mr. Barnes,
The House adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, February 15, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Burrows, Dox, Kenyon and Price absent with leave, and Mr. Roberts without leave,

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Movius asked the unanimous consent of the House to make an amendment to the bill to amend an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school district No. 4, in the township of Ypsilanti. Granted.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Chamberlain: of H. H. Morgan and 35 others, of St. Clair county, against the repeal of the the joint resolutions respecting slavery in the territories of the United States.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Clarke: the remonstrance of M. Alderman and 83 others of all parties, against the repeal of the resolutions of instructions concerning slavery, and praying that they be re-enacted.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Ives: of 52 citizens of Allegan county, asking that town 4, north of range 14 west, may be set off from the township of Monterey and attached to and become part of the township of Fillmore.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Hayden: of James Crane and 200 others, praying for a

plank road charter from Paw Paw in Van Buren county, to the township of Martin in the county of Allegan.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Hall: the remonstrance of citizens of the town of New Haven in the county of Shiawassee, against the appropriation of non-resident highway tax on a certain road.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Root: of Alexander Brown and 16 other inhabitants of school district No. 8, township of Quincey, county of Branch, asking the passage of a law authorizing them to draw their portion of school money for the year 1849.

Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Quackenboss: of C. B. Stebbins and 203 other citizens of Lenawee county, asking that some remedy may be applied to the evils arising from the present system of convict labor in the state prison.

Referred to the committee on the state prison.

By Mr. Hussey: of Henry B. Denman and 27 others, of Battle Creek, Calhoun county, praying to have the law so amended as to more effectually suppress the traffic in spirituous liquors; of Henry Willis and 7 others, of Battle Creek, Calhoun county, to the same effect; of Isaac L. Dennis and 92 others, citizens of Livonia, Wayne county, to the same effect; of L. H. Mapes and 71 others, citizens of Battle Creek, to the same effect; and asked that they might be severally referred to the select committee on the license laws.

They were ordered so referred.

By Mr. Mead: the remonstrance of Cyrus Pattison and 60 other inhabitants of the town of Woodbridge, Hillsdale county, against the formation of a new town from the towns of Woodbridge and Bird.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of F. K. Elliot and others, inhabitants of the county of Oakland, praying for the passage of a law permitting the payment of princi-

pal and interest on primary school lands to the treasurer of Oakland county, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report adverse to the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on federal relations, submitted the following report.

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the Senate joint resolution in relation to the admission of California into the Union, have had the same under consideration, and unanimously concur therein, and report the same back to the House and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company, in the county of Washtenaw, reported in favor of the passage of the bill, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, committee discharged, and the bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Dennis submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas J. Brown and others. of Delhi, Ingham county, for the repeal, in part, of acts 236, 248 and 260 of session laws of 1849, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

And the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition

of Louis Freudenthaler, Henry Freudenthaler, Aaron Freudenthaler and Samuel Freudenthaler, asking for the passage of an act to change their name to Leopold, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, and to recommend its passage, and to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill reported back read twice, ordered printed, and placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 24, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a petition of the inhabitants of towns nine and ten north of range six east in the county of Montcalm, asking for an organization of a certain township, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House with the accompanying bill.

W. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill reported back read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

And the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances for and against the division of the township of Ash in Monroe county, have had the same under consideration and have directed me to report the same

back to the House without action, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Also the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances in relation to the townships of Rives and Henrietta, in the county of Jackson, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back, accompanied by a bill.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, the bill reported back read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, February 14, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Lawrence Plank Road Company, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same by a two-thirds vote, with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked. Also,

2. To return herewith joint resolution relative to compensation to the trustees of the Michigan Asylums, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed a substitute therefor, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

3. Also to transmit a bill to authorize the trustees of the first Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jackson to execute a mortgage on certain real estate;

4. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the city of Detroit, approved March 19, 1845;

5. And a bill to amend an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849, and to inform you that the Senate have passed the same, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The first named bill was ordered laid on the table.

The substitute for the joint resolution was concurred in, and the same was ordered enrolled.

The third and fifth named were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The fourth named was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The Speaker announced the following communication:

Lansing, February, 15, 1850.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—In pursuance of an act to establish a State Normal School, I have the honor to transmit to the Legislature a preliminary report of the Board of Education.

Respectfully, &c.,

FRANCIS W. SHEARMAN,

Sup't Public Instruction,

and Sec'y of Board, ex officio.

Said report was referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Hussey gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company.

Mr. Irvine asked leave of absence for Mr. Roberts until Monday next on account of indisposition.

Granted.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

The bill to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company, was taken from the table, and moved that the Senate amendments to the same be concurred in.

Pending which,

Mr. Clarke moved a call of the House, which did not prevail.

Mr. Clarke then moved to lay said bill on the table, which prevailed. And the same was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Renwick, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to repeal certain provisions of law relative to appeal from the board of supervisors.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hussey,

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Alexander Tichworth, was taken from the table.

Mr. Sloan moved to refer the same to a select committee, with power to send for persons and papers.

Which, after some debate, was withdrawn.

When Mr. J. B. Pierce offered the following amendment:

Provided the said Alexander Tichworth shall give a good and sufficient bond to the satisfaction of the Board of State Auditors, that he will abide the decision of said board, and that the claim now presented for their action, is all and every demand and claim he, the said Tichworth, has against the State.

Which amendment was not adopted.

The joint resolution was then read a third time, put upon its final passage, and passed the House.

Mr. Sloan, on leave, introduced joint resolution relative to the appointment of commissioners to examine into the affairs of the state prison at Jackson.

Ordered laid over one day under the rule.

Mr. Hooker, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill in relation to stocks pledged by banks, and for other purposes.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

The House having arrived at the special order, resolved itself into committee of the whole on the bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto,

Mr. Mead in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman

reported back to the House that they had had the same under consideration, had made no further progress therein, asked leave to sit again thereon, and that they might now be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, when,
On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce,
The House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, February 16, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Burrows, Dox, Kenyon, Price and Roberts absent on leave, and Mr. Fowle absent without leave.

Mr. Root asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Fowle for an indefinite time.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a petition asking that a part of the village plat of the village of Mason in the township of Coldwater in the county of Branch, might be vacated, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying bill.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also, the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred a petition and remonstrance in relation to the repeal of section 16 of Act No. 84 of the session laws of A. D. 1849, have

had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report adverse to the prayer of the petition and report the same back to the House, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

And the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred a bill to change the name of the township of Sheboygan in the county of Michilimackinac to that of Inverness, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject and the bill reported back read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole.

And also the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred House bill No. 24, to which the House made sundry amendments, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House, concurring therein, and to fill the blank in the third line of section two, with the word "Hope." The committee have also made the following amendments: Amend section one, line two, by adding "and eight;" also amend section one, line three, by striking out the word "Bridgeport," and inserting in the place thereof, the word "Inlay," in which they would respectfully ask the concurrence of the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

The committee have also had under consideration, a petition asking for the two last amendments proposed in this report, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

W. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred petitions of sundry inhabitants of the village of Ypsilanti, asking for the vacation of certain alleys, and an amendment of the village charter, report a bill to carry out the wishes of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill reported back was read twice, ordered placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Seth B. Sayers and Ranchey Ann Bidler, asking for the passage of a law to change the name of Ervin Eugene Bidler to Ervine Eugene Sayers, report a bill in compliance with said petition, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, the bill reported back was read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred a bill to amend chapter 122 of the revised statutes of 1846, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill reported back was read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of Harris Stillson and others, praying for an act incorporating the Clarkston Academical Institute, respectfully report a bill in accord-

ance with the prayer of the petitioners, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill reported ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petitions and remonstrances for and against appropriating non-resident land tax on a certain road leading from Owasso to the forks of Bad River, have had the same under consideration, and report adverse to granting the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

And the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred Senate bill to amend an act to create a road fund for the benefit of the German colonists in Saginaw, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report said bill back without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill reported back was read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

Also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred House bill to amend chapter 27 of the revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration, report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bills reported back read twice, or-

dered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

And also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill to lay out and establish a state road from Almont in the county of Lapeer, to Port Huron in the county of St. Clair, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill reported back ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole House.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 15, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted,

A concurrent resolution relative to joint rules,

Which I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have adopted. and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The said resolution was non-concurred in.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 15, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is returned,

A bill to vacate a portion of the village plat of the village of Genavia, in the county of Cass.

The Senate amendment to which, I am instructed to respectfully inform you, the Senate have receded from.

Also is herewith transmitted,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to repeal an act to incorporate the Bank of St. Clair,

Which I am instructed to respectfully inform you the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

The first named bill was ordered eprolled.

The second named was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The House took up from the table joint resolutions in regard to the admission of California into the Union.

When, on motion of Mr. Britain,

They were ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Morton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the best mode of electing delegates to the Convention to revise the constitution, is to elect the same number, and in the same manner, that Senators and Representatives are now elected, by districts and counties.

Which, on motion of Mr. Clarke,

Was referred to the committee of the whole on the special order.

Mr. Hussey, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hudson gave notice that at some future day he would as leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Mud Street Plank Road Company.

Mr. Dennis, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to amend an act to authorize the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to construct a certain plank road, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Strowbridge, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to authorize Erie Prince to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in Kent county.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Stockton moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the consideration of Senate bill No. 61.

Which motion prevailed.

A suspension of the rules was then ordered.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

Said bill read twice, ordered to a third reading, was so read, when

Mr. Britain moved that it be referred to the committee on banks and incorporations. Pending which,

Mr. Sloan moved to refer it to the committee on banks and incorporations with instructions to strike out all after the enacting clause. When,

Mr. Britain withdrew his motion, and moved a reconsideration of the vote by which said bill was ordered to a third reading.

Which reconsideration was ordered, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Welles,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Gidley,

Mr. Hall,
Hudson,
Jones,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Montgomery,
Scott,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Wilson,
Speaker,

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Mr. Britain moved to refer said bill to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Pending which,

Mr. Noyes moved that it be laid on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the question being on the motion of Mr. Britain, to refer to the committee on banks and incorporations,

It was ordered to be so referred, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Green,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,

Mr. Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Willson,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Gidley,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Jones,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,

Mr. Montgomery,
Noyes,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be granted to the Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, on the afternoon and evening of the first day of March next, (if not otherwise occupied,) for the purpose of giving a concert of sacred music.

Mr. Barlow moved to amend by inserting after the word "music," "and every other evening for the use of the Robinson family."

Mr. Otis moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Barlow, the same was lost.

The question recurring on the resolution offered by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dennis moved its indefinite postponement.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

The joint resolution authorizing the board of state auditors to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton, was taken from the table, and the question being on its final passage,

On motion of Mr. Leach,

It was ordered re-committed to the committee on claims, with instructions.

On motion of Mr. Mr. Morton,

The bill to amend sec. 1 of an act to authorize the Michigan Southern Rail Road Company to repair their road with heavy rails, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849, was taken from the table, and,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The same was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled, the substitute to sec. 3 of an act to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school district No. 4, in the township of Ypsilanti, approved March 12, 1849.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the special order.

And after some time spent thereon the committee rose and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration,

A bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the Constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto.

Upon which they had made some progress, asked leave to sit again thereon, and to be discharged from the present consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, leave granted and the committee discharged from the present consideration of said bill.

Mr. Movius moved that the House adjourn.

But the House refused to adjourn, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Dennis,

Mr. Irvine,
Kennedy,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Sacket,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,

Hayden,
Hudson,

Morton,
Movius,

Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Montgomery,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,

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Mr. Scott moved that the House take a recess until 2 o'clock, P.

M.

Which did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Ives,
Kellogg,
King,
Kneeland,
Montgomery,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Smith,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Street,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Jones,
Kennedy,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Root,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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Mr. Quackenboss moved that the House go into committee of the whole on the special order.

Which motion did not prevail.

When, on motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House adjourned.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Burrows, Dox, Fowle, Kenyon, Price and Roberts absent with leave, and Mr. Axford without leave.

Mr. Snow asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Axford for the day.

Mr. Irvine asked a further leave of absence for Mr. Roberts on account of illness for an indefinite time. Granted.

The journal was read and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Welles: of Wm. Cone and 121 others; also of E. M. Cook and 53 others, praying for an act of incorporation authorizing the construction of a plank road to be called the Royal Oak and Rochester Plank Road Company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Millspaugh: of E. C. Eaton and 54 others, electors of the town of Van Buren, Wayne county asking the passage of a law establishing a police court in the city of Detroit.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Sackett: of citizens of Wayne county, asking the passage of an act to organize a new county from the county of Wayne, embracing within its limits the city of Detroit.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Carpenter: of Flavel Abbott, Wm. Conklin and 240 others of Wayne county, asking that the system for securing the labor of convicts in the state prison by employing them in mechanical pursuits may be remedied.

Referred to the committee on state prison.

By Mr. Ouis: of Thomas C. Sheldon and others asking the passage of an act of incorporation as therein set forth for the purpose of improving the breed of horses, for power, strength, speed, &c.

Referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

By Mr. Movius: the remonstrance of John F. Griscon, Wm. F. Roth and 74 citizens of Washtenaw, against the repeal of certain

joint resolutions respecting the territories of the United States and relative to slavery in the District of Columbia.

Referred to committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Hussey: of Charles Phillips and 159 others, citizens of Macomb county, praying this Legislature not to rescind the resolutions of instructions, but to re-instruct our Senators and Representatives in Congress on the subject of the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States.

Referred to committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Hussey: of Henry T. Walker and 72 other citizens of Farmington and the towns adjacent in Oakland county, praying this Legislature to pass laws similar to those enacted by Wisconsin for the suppression of intemperance, and asked its reference to the select committee on the license laws.

It was ordered to be so referred.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report:

The committee on claims to whom was referred the Senate joint resolution relative to the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the same back with an amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton made the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act to repeal an act to incorporate the Bank of St. Clair, instruct me to report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask for a discharge of the committee from its further consideration.

E. G. MORTON, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred sundry petitions asking for an act to incorporate the village of St. Clair, report a bill to carry out the prayer of the petitioners, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Scott, by unanimous consent of the House, introduced the petition of citizens of Clinton county, praying for the relief of Margaret Wellings.

Referred to committee on public lands.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred House bill to amend act No. 188 of session laws of 1849, have had the same under consideration and have directed their chairman to report the same back, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of J. H. Adams and others, asking the passage of a law to lay out a state road on the shore of Lake Huron and to appropriate state lands for the purpose of laying out, opening and improving said road, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report adverse to the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary to whom were referred sundry petitions of citizens of Lenawee county, praying for the repeal of an act to provide for draining swamps, marshes and other low lands, beg leave to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill reported back read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of E. W. Davis and others, citizens of the village of Grand Rapids, for the passage of a law to prohibit the drawing of seines in certain lakes in the vicinity of said village, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report, that so far as they are advised, the people of the state do not desire the passage of laws for the preservation of fish and game, and that they can see no propriety in prescribing by law the manner in which fish are to be taken from the lakes in question, and therefore report adverse to the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

And also the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report it back to the House, recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and said bill ordered laid on the table and printed.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred the petition of George Carson and others, of the township of Monguagon, county of Wayne, asking for the passage of an act of incorporation for a plank road company, and the petition of John Peters and others, of

Monroe county, for the passage of a law to compel the Southern Rail Road to keep the ditches along said road clear, have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, recommend their reference to the committee on banks and incorporations, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subjects.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subjects, and said petitions referred to the committee on banks and incorporations, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on printing, submitted the following report:

The committee on printing, who were instructed by a resolution of the House, "to report a bill to repeal an act entitled an act relative to state printing, and to enquire into the expediency of providing forthwith for the restoration of the contract system," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave respectfully to report:

That in obedience to the instructions contained in the first branch of the foregoing resolution, your committee have prepared and submit herewith a bill for the prospective repeal of act No. 74, entitled an act relative to state printing, approved March 12, 1849.

Your committee have also maturely deliberated upon the "expediency of providing forthwith for a restoration of the contract system." If it was intended hereby to make provision to take immeniate effect, as the language of the resolution implies, in view of all the facts before them, your committee cannot recommend the measure. The State Printer, in pursuance of the act referred to, was elected by the people for the term of two years, and has entered into heavy bonds for the faithful performance of his duties; and it is well known too, that he has of necessity been subjected to a large outlay of capital. He may be said, therefore, to have acquired rights under the law creating the office, which, to say the least, it would be contrary to sound policy to interfere with by any enactment to take effect during the term for which he was elected.

Your committee, therefore, however objectionable the present system may be in principle, deem it inexpedient to disturb it, except as

contemplated by the bill herewith reported. Your committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. CARPENTER, Chairman.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to vacate a portion of the village plat of the village of Geneva, in the county of Cass; and

A joint resolution relative to the compensation of the Trustees of the Michigan asylums and the members of the Board of Education.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 16, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith, a bill to incorporate the Marshall and Bellevue Plank Road Company, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have, by a two-thirds vote, concurred therein.

Herewith is transmitted a bill to extend the time for the completion of the canal and locks around the rapids of Grand river, at Grand Rapids, and for other purposes;

Which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv't,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The first named bill was ordered enrolled.

The second named referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By unanimous consent of the House, the title of the joint resolu-

tion relative to the claim of Alexander Tichworth, was changed so as to read "act," instead of "joint resolution."

Mr. Snow gave notice that on some future day he should ask leave to introduce a bill authorizing a connection between the Detroit and Pontiac, and Oakland and Ottawa Rail Roads, and for other purposes.

Mr. Otis gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to make an alteration in the township line between Springwells and Greenfield in the county of Wayne, on or near the Detroit and Howell Plank Road.

Mr. Hudson gave notice that at some future time he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company, by the way of Trenton in the town of Monaguagon in the county of Wayne.

Mr. Mead, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to provide for the laying out and establishing a certain state road.

Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the joint resolution offered by Mr. Sloan on the 15th inst, relative to the appointment of commissioners to examine into the affairs of the state prison.

And the same being under consideration, it was,

On motion of Mr. Sloan,

Laid on the table.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, February 18, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the town of Ionia, in the county of Ionia;

An act to provide for the graduation of the price of tuition in school districts, and to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school districts in certain cases, approved March 31st, 1848;

An act to incorporate the Young Ladies Seminary of the city of Monroe;

An act to amend the act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Romeo Plank Road Company;

An act in relation to stocks pledged by banks, and for other purposes;

An act to incorporate the Union Society of Livonia; and

An act to amend an act entitled an act to enlarge the powers and increase the number of officers in school district number four, in the township of Ypsilanti, approved March 12, 1849.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Mead in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration a bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the Convention to revise the Constitution and for the election of delegates thereto, to which they had made sundry amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein and to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Pending which, Mr. Martin asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to submit the following report:

The committee of internal improvement, to whom was referred a bill to extend the time for the completion of the canal and locks around the rapids of Grand River at Grand Rapids, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

M. B. MARTIN, Ch'n.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the committee discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

Said bill was read twice, when Mr. Hall moved a suspension of the rules, and that the same be put upon its final passage.

Mr. Britain moved that the House go into committee of the whole on said bill, (Senate bill No. 66,) which motion prevailed.

And the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Senate bill No. 66,

Mr. Gidley in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose and reported the same back without amendment, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Hall asked a suspension of the rules, in order to put said bill on its final passage.

Pending which, Mr. Hussey offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out in section 4, 7th line, "to said commissioners."

And strike out in sec. 4, 8th line, "said commissioners and their successors in office," and insert, "the people of the state of Michigan."

Also insert in same section, 11th line, after the word "office," "or the prosecuting attorney of Kent county."

And strike out in 11th and 12th lines, same section, "in their own name, with the addition of their name of office."

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Spencer offered the following amendment, to come in after the 8th section.

That no right or interest of the state in and to the use of said canal, and the right of way as connected therewith, shall be impaired by the provisions of this act.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barnes,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Hall,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Root,	
Barlow,	Kneeland,	Sacket,	
Beers,	Martin,	Stockton,	
Cartter,	McCarty,	Strowbridge,	
Chamberlain,	Mead,	Willson.	
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Winchell,	
Hayden,	J. B. Pierce,	Speaker,	21

Mr. Hussey offered the following amendment:

After the word "bond," in the 8th line of sec. 4, insert, "with sufficient and approved security."

Mr. Clarke offered the following as a substitute therefor, which was accepted by Mr. Hussey:

Insert after "bond," in line 8, sec. 4, "with good and sufficient surety, to be approved by the Governor of this state."

Mr. Dennis moved to strike out the words "Governor of this state," and insert "judge of probate of Kent county and said commissioners."

Which was adopted.

And the question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Hussey as amended, the same was adopted.

Mr. Britain moved that the rules be suspended and the bill put upon its final passage.

Which motion prevailed.

Said bill was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Barlow,	Jones,	N. Pierce,
Barnes,	Kellogg,	Quackenboss,
Beers,	Kennedy,	Renwick,
Bonham,	King,	Root,
Britain,	Kneeland,	Sacket,
Carpenter,	Leach,	Scott,
Chamberlin,	Lester,	Sedgwick,
Colvin,	Martin,	Sloan,
Dennis,	McCarty,	Snow,
Duncan,	Millspaugh,	Spencer,
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Stockton,
Green,	Moore,	Street,
Hall,	Morton,	Strowbridge,
Hayden,	Norton,	Willson,
Hudson,	Noyes,	Winchell,

Hussey,
Irvine,

Otis,

Speaker.

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NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,
Clarke,

Mr. Mead,
Movius,

Welles,

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Mr. Morton moved that the House take a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Wells moved to strike out 3, and insert 2.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, February 19, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Burrows, Dox, Fowle, Kenyon, Price and Roberts absent with leave.

On motion of Mr. Haydon,

The rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading was dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Jones: of Alfred Lyman and 47 others, citizens of Concord, Jackson county, praying that the revised statutes may be amended so as to make the illegal sale or giving away of prohibited liquors a misdemeanor.

Referred to select committee on the license laws.

By Mr. Hussey: of Alonzo Noble and 99 others, citizens of the village of Battle Creek, Calhoun county, asking for an act of incorporation for said village.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Hall: of citizens of township 9 north of range 7 west, asking for the organization of said township.

Referred to committee on organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Beers: of H. C. Smith and others, praying for a law authorizing the board of supervisors of the county of Kent to locate the county seat of said county.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Montgomery: of Wm. H. Rowley and others, asking the alteration of a certain highway in the township of Chester in the county of Eaton.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Welles: of Austin Parkhurst, Phineas A. Shepherd, and 57 others, citizens of Southfield, for the reduction of the price of University lands.

Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Axford: of James P. Wheeler and others, asking the passage of a law giving them the right to work their road tax on the Pontiac and Grand River road, if they shall so elect.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Lester: of O. E. Parker and others, of the county of Sanilac, asking for the passage of an act permanently locating the county seat of said county, and the appointing of commissioners to make such location.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By the Speaker: of H. C. Lowring and 218 others, citizens of the towns of Georgetown and Holland, in the county of Ottawa, praying that town 6 north of range 14 west may be attached to Georgetown, and town 5 north of range 14 west to the town of Holland.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Kellogg: of Joseph Gray, C. Gurney, and twenty others, inhabitants of St. Joseph county, praying that the Legislature will not rescind the resolutions passed by the last Legislature, instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives in Congress to use their votes and influence in favor of the prohibition of slavery in the territories of the United States, and in favor of the abolition of slavery and the slave trade in the District of Columbia.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Dennis: of A. C. Earl and 70 others, for the passage of a law to exempt land along plank roads from highway taxes.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company, and a bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids Manufacturing Company, report the same back to the House, recommend their passage and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, said bills read twice, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a petition of the citizens of town five north of range fourteen west in the county of Ottawa, asking that they might be re-annexed to the township of Holland in said county, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House with the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

WM AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Axford, of a minority of the committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances of the citizens of the county of Shiawassee, in regard to the removal of the county seat of said county, submitted a report adverse to such removal.

And Mr. Scott submitted a report from a majority of said committee, recommending said removal, accompanied by a bill for that purpose, and recommended its passage.

Said majority and minority reports, and the accompanying bill, were ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on state affairs, submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred joint resolution relative to the construction by the state of a plank road through section 16, in the village of Lansing, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report a substitute for said joint resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. M. SCOTT.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said joint resolutions read twice, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to incorporate the Marshall and Bellevue Plank Road Company.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 18, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a concurrent resolution relative to a joint convention of the two Houses;

Which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have adopted, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec'y of Senate.*

Mr. Movius moved a suspension of the rules, and that the House now go into consideration of said concurrent resolution, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Noyes moved to amend said resolution, by striking out "tomorrow," where it occurs, and inserting "to-day," which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Movius moved to amend by striking out "11 o'clock," and inserting "12 o'clock," which was not adopted.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution as amended, the same was adopted.

Mr. Snow, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill authorizing a connection between Detroit and Pontiac and Oakland and Ottawa Rail Roads, and for other purposes.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Irvine gave notice that on some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to organize the counties of Omena, Antrim, and Leelanaw, now attached to the township of Holmes, in the county of Michilimackinac, into a separate township.

Mr. Lester gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to lay out a state road from Lexington to Point Aux Barque in the counties of Sanilac and Huron.

Mr. Millspaugh gave notice that he would on to-morrow or some future day ask leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents of the Legislature of the year 1850.

Mr. Quackenboss gave notice that at some future time he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company.

Mr. Mead, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Road Company, approved March 17, 1848.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Mead, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Coldwater Plank Road Company, approved March 17, 1847.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole, on Senate bill No. 23 and House bill No. 56,

Mr. Hussey in the chair,

And after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration Senate bill No. 23, in which they had made some progress, asked leave to sit again thereon, and to be discharged from the present consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, leave granted, and the committee so discharged.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 19, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir:—I am instructed to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to a concurrent resolution relative to a joint convention of the two Houses.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The Speaker asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to change the title of the joint resolution relative to compensation to the Trustees of the Michigan asylums, so as to read an act.

The hour having arrived at which it had been agreed by the two Houses to meet in joint convention for the purpose of appointing a State Treasurer and five Trustees for the Michigan Asylums,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform them that the House were ready to meet them in joint convention.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Cartter and Gidley as such committee, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

The Hon. the Senate of Michigan was then announced, and the Senators conducted to seats.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was called to order by the President of the Senate, and

• The roll of the Senate having been called, Senators Christiancy, Hart and Isbell were absent.

The roll of the House was then called, and Messrs. Burrows, Dox, Fowle, Kenyon, Price and Roberts were absent.

On motion of Senator Summers,

The convention then proceeded to the appointment of a State Treasurer.

And on calling the roll, the members of the convention severally rose in their places and voted as follows:

For Bernard C. Whittemore:

SENATORS.

Mr. Beach, Bowne, Brodhead, Copeland, Dort,	Mr. Finley, French, Harvie, King, McKinney,	Mr. Riley, Roof, Shoemaker, Snow, Summers,	15
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For Joseph C. Frink:

Mr. Baxter, Dickey,	Mr. Walbridge,	Mr. Webb,	4
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For Bernard C. Whittemore:

REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Axford, Barlow, Barnes, Beers, Bonham, Britain, Carpenter, Cartter, Colvin, Dennis, Hall, Hooker, Hudson, Irvine,	Mr. Ives, Kennedy, King, Kneeland, Martin, McCarty, Mead, Millspaugh, Montgomery, Moore, Morton, Movius, Norton, Noyes,	Mr. Otis, J. B. Pierce, Quackenboss, Sackett, Scott, Smith, Snow, Stockton, Street, Welles, Willson, Winchell, Speaker,	41
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For Mark Norris:

Mr. Abbott, Chamberlain, Gidley, Green, Hayden,	Mr. Jones, Kellogg, Lester, Renwick, Root,	Mr. Sedgwick, Sloan, Spencer, Stowbridge,	14
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For Charles T. Gorham:

Mr. Clarke, Duncan,	Mr. Mr. Hussey,	Mr. Mr. Leach,	4
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For J. C. Frink:

Mr. Nathan Pierce,			1
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And Bernard C. Whittemore, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared by the President duly appointed State Treasurer.

Senator Dort moved that the Convention now proceed to elect five trustees of the Michigan Asylums, which motion prevailed.

The convention then proceeded to the election of Trustees for the Michigan asylums, with the following result:

For Elon Farnsworth:

SENATORS.

Mr. Baxter, Beach, Bowne, Brodhead, Copeland, Dort,	Mr. Finley, French, Harvie, King, McKinney, Riley,	Mr. Roof, Shoemaker, Snow, Summers, Walbridge, Webb,	18
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For C. C. Haskell:

SENATORS.

Mr. Beach, Bowne, Brodhead, Copeland Dort,	Mr. Finley, French, Harvie, King, McKinney,	Mr. Riley, Roof, Shoemaker, Snow, Summers,	15
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For Charles E. Stuart:

SENATORS.

Mr. Beach, Bowne, Brodhead, Copeland. Dort,	Mr. Finley, French, Harvie, King, McKinney,	Mr. Riley, Roof, Shoemaker, Snow, Summers,	14
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For John P. Cook:

SENATORS.

Mr. Beach, Bowne, Brodhead, Copeland, Dort,	Mr. Finley, French, Harvie, King, McKinney,	Mr. Riley, Roof, Shoemaker, Snow, Summers,	15
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For Charles H. Taylor:

SENATORS.

Mr. Beach, Bowne, Copeland, Brodhead, Dort,	Mr. Finley, French, Harvie, King, McKinney,	Mr. Riley, Roof, Shoemaker, Snow, Summers,	15
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For G. H. Hazleton:

SENATORS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Walbridge,	Mr. Webb,	3
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For Hezekiah G. Wells:

SENATORS.

Mr. Baxter, Dickey,	Mr. Walbridge,	Mr. Webb,	4
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For Donald McIntyre:

SENATORS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Walbridge,	Mr. Webb,	3
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For Thomas J. Drake:

SENATORS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Walbridge,	Mr. Webb,	3
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For Charles C. Trowbridge:

SENATOR.

Mr. Dickey,			1
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For J. M. Edmonds:

SENATOR.

Mr. Dickey,			1
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For H. J. Lawrence:

SENATOR.

Mr. Dickey,			1
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For J. R. Williams:

SENATOR.

Mr. Dickey,			1
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For Elon Farnesworth:

REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,	
Axford,	Jones,	Quackenboss,	
Barlow,	Kellogg,	Renwick,	
Barnes,	Kennedy,	Root,	
Beers,	King,	Sackett,	
Bonham,	Kneeland,	Scott,	
Britain,	Lester,	Sedgwick,	
Carpenter,	Martin,	Sloan,	
Cartter,	McCarty,	Smith,	
Colvin,	Mead,	Snow,	
Dennis,	Millspaugh,	Spencer,	
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Stockton,	
Green,	Moore,	Street,	
Hall,	Morton,	Strowbridge,	
Hayden,	Movius,	Welles,	
Hooker,	Norton,	Willson,	
Hudson,	Noyes,	Winchell,	
Irvine,	Otis,	Speaker,	54

For Charles E. Stuart:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Noyes,
Barlow,	Ives,	Otis,
Barnes,	Kenyon,	J. B. Pierce,

Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,

King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,

Quackenboss,
Sackett,
Scott,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 42

For Charles C. Hascall:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Green,
Hall,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Sackett,
Scott,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 41

For John P. Cook:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Sackett,
Scott,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 41

For Charles H. Taylor:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Sackett,

Britain,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,

Scott,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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For Hezekiah G. Wells:

Mr. Abbott,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Lester,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,

Mr. Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

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For Thomas J. Drake:

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlin,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Lester,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

15

For George H. Hazleton:

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlain,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Jones,

Mr. Kellogg,
Lester,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,

Mr. Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

14

For Donald McIntyre:

Mr. Abbott,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Jones,

Mr. Kellogg,
Lester,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,

Mr. Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

14

For H. Munson:

Mr. Chamberlain,

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For James F. Joy:

Mr. Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Hussey,

Mr. Leach,

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John W. King:

Mr. Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Hussey,

Mr. Leach,

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For Willard M. McConnell:

Mr. Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Hussey,

Mr. Leach,

4

For John L. Balcombe:

Mr. Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Hussey,

Mr. Leach,

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For Lonson Wilcox:

Clarke,
Duncan,

Hussey,

Leach,

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The President announced that Elon Farnsworth, Charles E. Stuart, Charles C. Hascall, John P. Cook, and Charles H. Taylor, having received a majority of all the votes, were duly elected Trustees of the Michigan asylums for the deaf, dumb and blind and insane.

Senator Finley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That B. C. Whittemore be declared duly elected Treasurer of the State of Michigan, until the first Monday in January next, according to the provisions of an act entitled an act to amend the revised statutes and to provide for the election of certain State officers by the people in pursuance to the amendments to the constitution, approved February 17, 1850.

Mr. Morton offered the following as an amendment:

Resolved That B. C. Whittemore is duly elected by this joint convention to the office of State Treasurer to serve until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Mr. Cartter offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Resolved, That B. C. Whittemore be declared duly elected Treasurer of the State of Michigan, until his successor be elected and qualified; provided he shall hold said office, by virtue of this election, no longer than the first Monday of January, 1851.

Senator Brodhead moved to lay the resolution and amendments on the table, which motion did not prevail, as follows:

SENATORS.

YEAS:

Mr. Brodhead,
Copeland,
French,

Mr. King,
Riley,

Mr. Shoemaker,
Snow,

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NAYS:

Mr. Baxter,
Beach,
Bowne,
Dickey,

Mr. Dort,
Finley,
Harvie,
McKinney,

Mr. Roof,
Summers,
Walbridge,
Webb,

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REPRESENTATIVES.

YEAS:

Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Dennis,	Mr. Snow,	3
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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Otis,	
Axford,	Ives,	J. B. Pierce,	
Barlow,	Jones,	N. Pierce,	
Barnes,	Kellogg,	Quackenboss,	
Beers,	Kennedy,	Renwick,	
Bonham,	King,	Root,	
Britain,	Kneeland,	Sackett,	
Carpenter,	Leach,	Scott,	
Cartter,	Lester,	Sedgwick,	
Chamberlain,	Martin,	Sloan,	
Colvin,	McCarty,	Smith,	
Duncan,	Mead,	Spencer,	
Gidley,	Millspaugh,	Stockton,	
Green,	Montgomery,	Street,	
Hall,	Moore,	Strowbridge,	
Hayden,	Morton,	Wells,	
Hooker,	Movius,	Willson,	
Hudson,	Norton,	Winchell,	
Hussey,	Noyes,	Speaker,	57

Senator Brodhead moved that the convention do now adjourn sine die, which motion did not prevail, by the following vote:

SENATORS.

YEAS.

Mr. Beach,	Mr. Dort,	Mr. Riley,	
Brodhead,	French,	Shoemaker,	
Copeland,	King,	Snow,	9

NAYS.

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Summers,	
Bowne,	McKinney,	Wallbridge,	
Dickey,	Roof,	Webb,	
Finley,			10

REPRESENTATIVES.

YEAS.

Mr. Britain,	Mr. Kellogg,	Mr. Norton,	
Clarke,	Kennedy,	Otis,	
Dennis,	Kneeland,	J. B. Pierce,	
Irvine,	Martin,	Street,	
Ives,	McCarty,	Winchell,	15

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Jones,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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The question then being on the amendment offered by Mr. Cartter to the amendment of Mr. Morton to the resolution offered by Senator Finley,

Senator McKinney moved the previous question.

Which motion prevailed.

And the main question being ordered, was taken on the amendment of Mr. Cartter.

The same was lost.

The question being then taken on the amendment offered by Mr. Morton.

The same was lost.

The question then recurring on the resolution of Senator Finley, it was adopted by the following vote:

SENATORS.

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,
Bowne,
Dickey,
Dort,

Mr. Finley,
Harvie,
McKinney,
Riley,

Mr. Roof,
Summers,
Walbridge,
Webb,

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NAYS.

Mr. Beach,
Brodhead,
Copeland,

Mr. French,
King,

Mr. Shoemaker,
Snow,

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REPRESENTATIVES.

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welies,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Clarke,
Dennis,
Kneeland,

Mr. Montgomery,
Morton,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Snow, ●

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On motion of Senator Harvie,

The joint convention was declared dissolved.

O. W. MOORE, *Sec. Senate.*

D. P. BUSHNELL,

Clerk House of Representatives.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

And, on motion of Mr. Gidley,

The House took a recess until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock, P. M.

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The House was called to order by the Speaker at half past two o'clock, P. M.

The Speaker then announced to the House that the joint convention of the two houses had appointed Bernard C. Whittemore State Treasurer, and elected Elon Farnsworth, Chas. C. Hascall, Chas. E. Stuart, Chas. H. Taylor, and John P. Cook, Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb, and Blind Asylums.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Senate bill No. 23, and House bill No. 56,

Mr. Hussey in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration House bill No. 56, to which they had made no amendment, and Senate bill No. 23, to which they had made an amendment, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and that the committee might be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

And the question being on concurring in the amendments made in committee of the whole to the last named bill,

Pending which, Mr. Morton moved to lay on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the concurrence of the House to the amendment of the committee of the whole,

It was non-concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Chamberlain,
Dennis,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kenneday,

Mr. King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Clark,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Morton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Root,
Snow,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Wilson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Otis offered the following amendment:

Add at the end of section one, *Provided*, That each and every Plank Road Company shall be subject to pay taxes in each and every

township where such plank road may be made, the same as other taxable property; and for all purposes that other property is liable to pay taxes for, the assessors shall assess said plank roads that may be made in their respective townships the same as other property, and it shall be the duty of the several companies to pay the taxes to the several township treasurers on or before the first of February in each year, under the penalty of forfeiting their right to said road or charter.

Mr. Britain moved that the bill with the amendment be re-committed to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Barnes moved that the bill and amendment be laid on the table, which motion did not prevail.

The question was then taken on the amendment of Mr. Otis, and the same was not adopted.

Mr. Leach offered the following amendment: strike out all after the word "if," at the end of the 13th line, in section one, and before "and" in the 15th line of said section.

Mr. Kellogg offered the following amendment to Mr. Leach's amendment: strike out all after the word "if," in line 13 and before the word "also" in line 19 of section 1.

Mr. Otis moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table.

Mr. Winchell moved that the House adjourn, but the House refused to adjourn, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Britain,
Carpenter,
Chamberlin,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Hall,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Martin,
Morton,
Otis,

Mr. Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Winchell
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Carter,
Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,

Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,

Millspaugh
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,

Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,

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Mr. Movius moved that the bill and amendments be indefinitely postponed.

Pending which, on motion, a call of the House was ordered.

The roll was called, and Messrs. Colvin, J. B. Pierce and Scott absent without leave.

Mr. Noyes asked leave of absence for Mr. Scott on account of illness.

Pending which, Mr. Movius moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with.

Mr. Willson moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion was subsequently withdrawn, and renewed by Mr. Barlow.

Lost, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Britain,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Jones,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Morton,
Reawick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Carpenter,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,
Kellogg,

Mr. Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Quackenbosa,
Root,
Sackett,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

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And the question recurring on dispensing with further proceedings under the call, the same were dispensed with.

Mr. Cartter moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Dennis,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hall,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 21

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Quackenbosc,
Root,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles, 33

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Movius to indefinitely postpone,

Mr. Stockton moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the motion to indefinitely postpone, pending which, the bill and amendments were,

On motion of Mr. Otis,

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlin,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 20, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Burrows, Dox, Fowle, and Price absent with leave.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Hussey: of Henry J. Cushman, S. W. Dodge and 120 other citizens of Battle Creek, Calhoun county, praying this legislature not to rescind the resolutions of instructions passed by the last legislature; but to re-instruct our members in Congress to use their votes and influence against the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States.

Referred to committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Jones: of Otis & Lincoln and 30 others, citizens of Jackson in the county of Jackson, praying that the revised statutes may be so amended as to make the illegal sale or giving away of spirituous liquors a misdemeanor.

Referred to the select committee on the license laws.

By Mr. Lester: of A. A. Dwight and others, of the town of Berlin, asking for a division of said township, and the organization of a new town to be called Webster.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Chamberlin: of John Clark and 150 others, of the township of China, in St. Clair county, praying for the passage of an act re-establishing the north line of said township.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Hussey: of Elisha Marble and 65 others, inhabitants of Calhoun county, praying to have the license laws so amended as to make the venders of intoxicating drinks liable to prosecution for crime committed by those who purchase while under its influence, and that said venders shall give bonds for the payment of all damages occasioned by those who purchase of them while carrying on such traffic.

Referred to the select committee on license laws.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee on mines and minerals, to whom was referred the following entitled bills:

A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company.

A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company.

A bill to amend the act to incorporate the Minnesota Mining Company, approved March 7, 1849;

Reported that they had had the same under consideration; had made amendments thereto, recommended their passage, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The committee were discharged, and said bills read a first and second time, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Roberts, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Chippewa Portage Company, approved March 7, 1847, reported the same back without amendment, recommended its passage, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were discharged, and said bill received its first and second reading, when

On motion of Mr. Roberts,

The rule was suspended, and the bill put upon its final passage, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Sloan,

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The committee on mines and minerals, through their chairman, Mr. Roberts, reported the following several entitled bills:

A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Peninsula Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Company;

A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company;

A bill to modify an act to incorporate the Quinoy Mining Company, approved March 30, 1848.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bills severally read the first and second time, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of James Wheeler, jr., and 81 others, praying for alteration in laws relative to selling school lands, have had the same under consideration, and they are of the opinion that no legislation is necessary from the fact that a law passed by the Legislature of 1848, provides for the surrender of the original certificate of sale and the issuing of two or more new ones in cases where the school fund would not be injured thereby, this being the prayer of said petitioners, your committee therefore ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Clinton county, praying for the relief of Margaret Willings, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill reported back ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole House.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred House bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration, report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole House.

And the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred petitions of citizens of the counties of Barry and Ionia, asking the passage of a law to lay out, open and improve a certain state road in said counties, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to introduce a bill to carry into effect the wishes of said petitioners, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill reported ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Cyrus Howard for the reward offered by Lieutenant Governor Mundy, for the apprehension of the person or persons who set fire to the Central Rail Road bridge over the River Rouge, in the year 1839, have had the same under consideration and directed their chairman to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioner, recommend that he have leave to withdraw his papers, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred sundry petitions of citizens of the county of Allegan, asking for the organization of a certain township therein named, and also a petition of citizens of Genesee county, asking that a part of the township of Flint in said county, might be attached to the township of Genesee in said county, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill read twice, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill authorizing a connection between the Detroit and Pontiac and Oakland and Ottawa railroads, and for other purposes, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 19, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act relative to compensation to the Trustees of the Michigan asylums and the members of the Board of Education.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 19, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives: .

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith,

A bill to repeal act No. 267 of the session laws of 1849, being an act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection.

And to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

G. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

Said bill was ordered enrolled.

Mr. Quackenboss, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hussey, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hudson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on printing be authorized to employ a Reporter for this House: *Provided*, said committee can procure the printing of said reports in some daily paper of this state, without expense to the state.

Mr. Spencer moved that the same be laid on the table. Lost.

And the question being on the adoption of the resolution, the same was adopted.

Mr. Martin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize Prudence Kent and Francis S. Warner to convey certain real estate.

Mr. Lester, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to lay out a state road in the counties of Huron and Sanilac.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Britain offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the State Printer be requested to furnish the daily journals of this House at such time that each member of the House may be furnished with one copy thereof upon his table, one hour before the commencement of the session on each day.

Adopted.

Mr. Roberts, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce the following entitled bills:

A bill to revive and keep in force the act to incorporate the Ste Marie's Canal Company, approved March 17, 1847, and to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Ste Marie's Canal Company, approved March 4, 1848;

A bill to incorporate the Ontonagon Plank or Train Rail Road Company;

A bill to organize certain townships in the county of Ontonagon.

The two first named were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The last named, to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

On motion of Mr. Axford,

The following resolution was taken up from the table:

Resolved, That this House will, from and after this day, until further ordered, hold two sessions each day, one commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., and the other at 2 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Leach offered the following amendment:

Strike out 10 and insert 9, and strike out 2 and insert $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2.

Mr. Irvine called for a division of the question.

Which was ordered.

And the question being taken on striking out 10 and inserting 9,

The same was lost.

The question was then taken on the motion to strike out 2 and insert $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2,

The same prevailed.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strike out "this day," and insert "Monday next." Adopted.

The question being then taken on the resolution as amended,

The same was adopted.

Mr. Movius, on leave, introduced joint resolutions relative to the Michigan Southern and Erie and Kalamazoo rail roads.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Sloan gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the general plank road law.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The committee of the whole were discharged from further consideration of House bill No. 55, and the same was recommitted to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The bill for the relief of John Conger was taken from the table, and the question before the House being on the motion to indefinitely postpone the enacting clause,

The same did not prevail.

The question was then taken on the motion to strike out all after the enacting clause,

And the same did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Britain offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when any member, who voted with the majority, shall give notice to the House of his intention to move a reconsideration of the vote by which any bill, or joint resolution, or amendment of either by the Senate, was disposed of, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House to retain possession of said bill, resolution or amendment, until the close of the 4th order of business on the following day, unless all objection to its transmission be withdrawn.

Ordered laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Welles,

The House took up from the table Senate bill No. 23.

The question being on the amendment offered on yesterday by Mr. Kellogg to the amendment offered by Mr. Leach,

Mr. Green moved that the bill and amendments be committed to a select committee of three, with instructions.

Pending which, the amendment offered by Mr. Leach was withdrawn.

Mr. Morton offered the following substitute for the bill and amendments:

A Bill to amend an act relative to Plank Roads, approved March 13, 1848.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan*, That an act entitled an act relative to plank

roads, approved March 18, 1848, be and the same is hereby amended as follows, to wit: By adding in the 4th line of section 8, (as printed in the session laws of 1848,) between the words "penalty" and "of," the following: "of the forfeiture." Also, by inserting after the word "year," in the first line of section 9, and before the word "it," the following: "after said company shall have commenced receiving toll." Also, by inserting after the word "shall" and before the word "pay," in the 1st line of section 18, the following: "after such company shall have commenced receiving toll." Also, by striking out from the 1st line of section 23, the word "have," and by inserting between the 12th and 13th lines of said last named section, the following words, to wit: "and shall be liable, as at common law, for any special damages occasioned by their road being out of repair."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Which was lost.

Mr. Dennis moved that the further consideration of the bill and amendments be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Axford,	King,	Quackenboss,	
Barnes,	Leach,	Renwick,	
Bonham,	Millspaugh,	Scott,	
Carpenter,	Montgomery,	Sedgwick,	
Dennis,	Moore,	Sloan,	
Hayden,	Morton,	Smith,	
Hooker,	Movius,	Spencer,	
Hussey,	Norton,	Street,	
Jones,	J. B. Pierce,	Welles,	30

NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Otis,	
Beers,	Irvine,	Root,	
Britain,	Ives,	Sacket,	
Cartter,	Kellogg,	Snow,	
Chamberlin,	Kenyon,	Stockton,	
Colvin,	Lester,	Stowbridge,	
Clarke,	McCarty,	Willson,	
Duncan,	Mead,	Winchell,	
Gidley,	Noyes,	Speaker.	
Green,			28

Mr. Barlow, from the committee on enrollment, reported correctly enrolled as an act, joint resolution relative to the compensation of the trustees of the Michigan Asylums and members of the Board of Education.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Spencer moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from House bill No. 47, and that the same be taken up in the House.

Which motion prevailed.

And said bill being under consideration, Mr. Dennis moved to strike out the first section thereof.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Spencer moved a reconsideration of the last vote, which motion prevailed, a reconsideration was ordered,

When Mr. Britain offered the following amendments:

Sec. 1, line 10, strike out from the proviso the word "and."

Sec. 1, line 13, after the word "minority," insert "and provided further, that."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gidley,

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, February 21, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Gage.

The roll was called. Messrs. Burrows, Dox, Fowle and Price absent with leave.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The action of the rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Martin: of citizens of township 8 north, range 2 east, to be organized into a separate township.

• Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Bonham: of Joseph H. Clomer and 27 other citizens of Nottawa township, in the county of St. Joseph, asking for the enactment of a law having for its object the improvement of the stock of horses.

Referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

By Mr. Barlow: the remonstrance of J. C. Fonda and 67 others, citizens of Pennfield, against altering state road from Battle Creek to Bellevue.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Green: the remonstrance of Henry Tripp and 106 other citizens of the town of Franklin, Lenawee county, against the rescinding of the joint resolutions passed by the last legislature, relative to the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States.

Referred to committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Kneeland: of H. H. Harmon and 184 other citizens of the county of Livingston, asking that the joint resolutions respecting the territories of the United States, passed at the last session of the legislature be expunged.

Referred to committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Kenyon: of G. L. Mapes and 30 others, citizens of Livingston county, asking that joint resolutions relative to slavery in the territories of the United States, passed at the last session of the legislature, be expunged; of C. L. Crouse and 24 others, to the same effect.

Severally referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Kellogg: of Gustavus Gurney, John Howard, and 100 other citizens of St. Joseph county, protesting against rescinding the joint resolutions passed at the last session of the legislature, instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to vote in favor of extending the provisions of the ordinance of 1787 over all territories belonging to the United States, and asking that said instructions may be reaffirmed by this legislature.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom

was recommitted House bill No. 55, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying substitute and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

W. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred sundry petitions of the citizens of Kent county in relation to the location of the county seat of said county, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a petition and a remonstrance of citizens of Clinton county, asking for the repeal of act No. 58 of the session laws of A. D. 1846, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

W. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Berrien county, asking a vacation of the village plat of Royalton, in the county of Berrien, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Wm. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, the bill read twice, ordered printed,

placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances of the citizens of the counties of Sanilac and St. Clair, in relation to establishing the county lines between those two counties, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report adverse to the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the committee discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Street submitted the following report from the committee on agriculture and manufactures:

Your committee have had under consideration the petition of Thos. C. Sheldon and others, asking the passage of an act of incorporation, as therein set forth, for the purpose of improving the breed of horses for power, strength and speed, &c. The committee have instructed their chairman to report adverse to said petition, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

S. STREET, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, made the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations have had under consideration the following bills:

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Fentonville and Milford Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Portland and Lansing Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Grand River and Plainfield Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Grand River Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ontonagon Plank or Train Rail Road Company;

And instruct me to report them back to the House, recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills severally read a first and second time, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Merchant's Mining Company, and a bill to revive an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's canal company, instruct me to report said bills to the House, recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

E. G. MORTON, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bills ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Plymouth and Dearborn Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Coldwater Plank Road Company; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Cottonwood Swamp Turnpike Company to construct a plank road, instruct me to report the same back with amendments, ask the concurrence of the House therein, their favorable action on the bills, and for a discharge of the committee from their further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subjects, said bills severally read a first and second time, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Carpenter submitted the following report:

The committee on printing to whom was referred the resolution adopted by the House on the 20th inst., relative to a reporter, have had the same under consideration and respectfully report, that they have employed Mr. Charles S. Bagg, as such reporter, at such price as the House may designate, and made arrangements with the proprietors of the Detroit Daily Free Press, to publish the same without expense to the state, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

H. D. CARPENTER, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred a bill to amend an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, and

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Scott asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to present the preamble and resolutions of the township board of the township of Greenburgh, in the county of Clinton, relative to certain rejected taxes which have been charged back to said township, and asked their reference to the committee on the judiciary.

They were ordered to be so referred.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

The House took up the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company.

And the question being on concurring in the Senate amendments to said bill, they were concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,

Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenneday,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,

J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

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Mr. Speaker,

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And the bill as amended was ordered enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The House took up joint resolutions in regard to the admission of California.

And the question being on their adoption, the same were adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Welles moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from any further consideration of Senate bill No. 43.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on supplies be instructed to inquire into the expediency of warming this Hall by a furnace.

Adopted.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted yesterday, authorizing the committee on printing to employ a reporter for the House, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Mr. Dennis moved to lay the same on the table.

Which motion prevailed, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. Norton,	
Barnes,	Kennedy,	Otis,	
Beers,	Kenyon,	J. B. Pierce,	
Britain,	Kneeland,	Quackenboss,	
Clarke,	Leach,	Roberts,	
Dennis,	Lester,	Sackett,	
Hall,	Martin,	Smith,	
Hayden,	McCarty,	Welles,	
Hudson,	Millspaugh,	Wilson,	
Hussey,	Morton,	Winchell,	
Irvine,	Movius,	Speaker,	33

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Root,	
Axford,	Kellogg,	Sedgwick,	
Bonham,	King,	Sloan,	
Carpenter,	Mead,	Snow,	
Cartter,	Montgomery,	Spencer,	
Chamberlain,	Noyes,	Stockton,	
Colvin,	N. Pierce,	Street,	
Hooker,	Renwick,	Stowbridge,	24

Mr. Spencer moved that the House take up Senate bill No. 43.

Pending which,

Mr. Britain moved to take up the resolution offered by himself on yesterday, relative to the reconsideration of the vote by which any bill, joint resolution or amendment was disposed of.

Mr. Spencer withdrew his motion.

Mr. Dennis renewed it;

And the same prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, and said bill taken up.

And the question being on concurring in the several amendments made in committee of the whole thereto,

The following were non-concurred in:

Add to Sec. 1: *Provided*, That it shall be lawful for the electors of the county of Mackinac, and the county of Chippewa, with the counties attached thereto for representative purposes, to hold their several elections on such day as shall be designated by the sheriff, or a majority of the board of supervisors of their respective counties, if within ten days prior to the time designated for the meeting of said convention.

Strike out "if within ten days prior to the time designated for the meeting of said convention," and insert "if at any time before the first Monday in June next."

Strike out "June" in the amendment.

And strike out from the 7th and 8th lines of Sec. 1, the words "at the same place at which the polls were opened for the election of Representatives to the present Legislature," and insert "at the same time and place at which the respective township, ward and city elections shall be held."

And the following amendments were concurred in:

Strike out in the 6th and 7th lines of section 2, "the last publication to be at least ten days from," and insert "previous to."

Sec. 3, insert in line 7, between the word "Saginaw" and the figure "1," the following: "and the counties attached thereto for judicial purposes."

Sec. 3, in line 6, between the words "to" and "Ottawa." insert "Kent and."

Strike out the word "printer" in section 5, in line 8.

Strike out "a printer" in line 5 in section 5.

Mr. Cartter offered the following amendment:

Amend sec. 5 by adding at the end of said section, "the State Printer shall perform the printing required to be done by said convention, at such times and in such manner as they shall direct, and

said Printer shall receive the same compensation and in the same manner as now provided by law for compensation and payment for Legislative printing; and in case the said Printer shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties aforesaid, the said convention may appoint a Printer to perform said duties, who shall receive the same compensation and in the same manner as is now provided by law for Legislative printing.

Adopted.

Also the following:

Amend section 5 by inserting in line 5, after the word "printer," "and one or more reporters."

Adopted.

Mr. Movius offered the following amendment:

Strike out of section 1, line 3, "first Monday in April," and insert "second Tuesday in May."

Mr. Noyes called for a division of the question.

Which was ordered.

And the question being taken on striking out the first Monday in April, the same was lost, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movins,
Norton,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Noyes,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Speaker,

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Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strik out "ballot," in the 4th line of section 5, and insert "a viva voce vote."

Lost, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Hall,
Hussey,

Mr. Leach,
Lester,
Norton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Sackett,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Welles,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Spencer offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the words "polls," in line 7, of section 1, down to and including the word "legislation," in line 8 of said section, and insert the words following: "may be opened for the election of township, ward and city officers at the next spring election."

Adopted.

Mr. Mead moved that the House take a recess until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock P. M.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlin,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, February 22, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Mr. Fowle absent with leave; Messrs. Jones, Montgomery and Stockton without leave.

Mr. Noyes asked and obtained leave of absence for Messrs. Montgomery and Stockton until Monday next.

Mr. Gidley for Mr. Jones for the same period.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The action of the rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

Mr. Movius, by unanimous consent of the House, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to wait upon the Governor, State officers, and the Senate, and invite them to meet with the House of Representatives this day at 12 o'clock, at their Hall, to commemorate the birthday of the "Father his of Country," in listening to the reading of that memorable and immortal document bequeathed to our country, "Washington's farewell address."

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Movius and Roberts such committee.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Quackenboss: of citizens of school district No. 5, in the township of Tecumseh, asking the state to release and quit-claim a certain piece of land on section 16 in said township.

Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Hooker: of A. B. Rawles, Asahel Bailey and others, for the vacation of a part of the village plat of the village of Romeo.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

By Mr. Kneeland: of L. K. Hewitt and 112 others, asking for the passage of an act to construct a plank road from the village of Howell, in the county of Livingston, to the village of Byron, in the county of Shiawassee.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Root: the remonstrance of Joseph C. Leonard and 70 others, of the counties of Branch and Calhoun, against the rescinding of the resolutions passed at the last session of the Legislature, relative to the extension of slavery in the territories of the U. S.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Clarke: of Stephen H. Preston and 106 others, of Calhoun county, praying for an alteration in the laws regulating the county courts, so that the option which is now given to persons charged with crime to be tried in the county or circuit court, may be repealed.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of the townships of Lenox and Richmond in the county of Macomb, to amend section 2, subdivision section 5, chapter 23, title 6. revised statutes, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report adverse to the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and committee discharged.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred a bill to authorize the erection of county work houses and for the correction and punishment of vagrants and other persons, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to form a board of supervisors for the county of Chippewa, have had the same under consideration, and have proposed a substitute for section 2, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked. Your committee recommend the passage of the bill, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill and substitute ordered printed, and referred to committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the bill providing for the punishment of persons in possession of stolen property in this state, having stolen the same in another, and for the punishment of receivers of stolen property in certain cases, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred petitions for the passage of an act to lay out private roads, have considered the same, and herewith report a bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, submitted the following:

The committee of ways and means, to whom was referred a bill (from the Senate) amending section 71, chapter 20, of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to the printing of statements of lands delinquent for taxes, have instructed me to report the same to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Carter, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the three several petitions of Joseph Miller, Loren Andrews, and David W. Noyes, in relation to moneys paid by them to the commissioner of

the land office, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report three several bills, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, and recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bills reported back were severally read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to repeal act No. 267 of the session laws of 1849, being an act entitled an act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, submitted the following:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the board of supervisors of Kalamazoo county, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the same back, accompanied by a joint resolution.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole, ordered printed, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred petitions for a plank road charter from Mason to Jackson, report a bill to carry out the wishes of the petitioners, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Same committee have considered the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian Plank Road Company, and report the same back to the House without action.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills read a first and second time, ordered printed and referred to the committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Detroit, instruct me to report the same back to the House recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Messrs. Movius and Roberts, who were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor, State officers and Senate, and invite them to attend, in the Hall of Representatives, the reading of Washington's farewell address, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the joint resolutions in relation to the Michigan Southern and Erie and Kalamazoo railroads, submitted a report from the majority of said committee, and recommended the passage of said resolutions.

The resolutions and accompanying report were ordered laid on the table and printed.

A committee from the Senate was announced, consisting of Senators Snow and Webb, who announced that the Senate had accepted the invitation of the House, and would attend the reading of Washington's farewell address in the Hall of Representatives.

Mr. Abbot gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing the town board of the township of Flushing to locate a new burying ground, and to remove the bodies of persons buried in said town.

Mr. Beers gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend act No. 120, session laws of 1845.

Mr. Axford offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House will receive no more business after Monday, the 4th day of March next, and that all the standing committees shall make their reports before that day.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

House bill 84, being a bill to vacate the county seat of Shiawassee

and to re-locate the same, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kenyon moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to strike out of section 1, line three, of the bill to provide for holding the convention to revise the constitution, the words "first Monday in April."

Which reconsideration was ordered by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Otis,	
Beers,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,	
Bonham,	Kennedy,	Price,	
Britain,	Kenyon,	Quackenboss,	
Burrows,	Kneeland,	Roberts,	
Carpenter,	Martin,	Sackett,	
Cartter,	McCarty,	Street,	
Colvin,	Mead,	Strowbridge,	
Dennis,	Millspaugh,	Welles,	
Dox,	Moore,	Willson,	
Hayden,	Movius,	Winchell,	33

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. Renwick,	
Axford,	Ives,	Root,	
Barnes,	Kellogg,	Scott,	
Chamberlin,	King,	Sedgwick,	
Clarke,	Leach,	Sloan,	
Duncan,	Lester,	Smith,	
Gidley,	Morton,	Snow,	
Green,	Norton,	Spencer,	
Hall,	Noyes,	Speaker,	
Hooker,	N. Pierce,		29

The Speaker asked and obtained leave of absence for the Clerk of the House until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The House then took a recess until 12 o'clock, M.

The Speaker called the House to order at 12 o'clock, M.

The Governor, State Officers and the Senate were then announced, and conducted to seats.

The Speaker announced that Senator Harvie had been invited to read the Farewell Address of George Washington to his country.

The reading having been concluded,

Mr. Roberts offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the House be presented to the Executive, the Hon. the Senate, and the State Officers for the honor conferred upon the House by their attendance on this occasion; and to the Hon. Andrew Harvie for the able manner in which he has read the Farewell Address of the Father of our country.

On motion of Mr. Roberts,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, February 23, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Atterbury.

The roll was called. Messrs. Jones, Montgomery and Stockton absent with leave, and Mr. Root without leave.

Mr. Bonham asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Root on account of indisposition.

On motion of Mr. ———

The action of the rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Britain: of members of first Presbyterian Church of Niles for authority to make a bond and mortgage.

Referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Britain, Quackenboss and Gidley.

By Mr. Hayden: of Jas. R. Munroe and 80 others; of J. R. Baker and 40 others; and L. B. Sheldon and 100 others, asking the repeal of a law appropriating non-resident highway taxes on a road in the county of Van Buren.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Also the petition of A. P. Stimson and 90 others, praying for the repeal of all license laws, and the enactment of such laws and penalties for the breach thereof as may be necessary.

Referred to the select committee on the license laws.

Also the petition of J. W. Willard and 80 others, asking for a

charter to construct a plank road from Paw Paw station in Van Buren county to the village of Schoolcraft in the county of Kalamazoo.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Ives: of Abram Hoag and 109 others, citizens of Allegan county, asking for the incorporation of the Paw Paw and Otsego Plank Road Company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Norton: the remonstrance of David P. Ward and 35 other citizens of Cass county, against recinding the resolutions passed last winter in regard to slavery, and asking that the same be renewed.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Gidley: the remonstrance of the citizens of the townships of Tyler and Eaton Rapids in the county of Eaton, against the consolidation of said townships.

Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

Also, the petition of Nicholas Townley and others of the township of Tompkins in the county of Jackson, for the alteration of a certain state road.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Hussey: of Josiah Whitman, jr., Henrietta Millard and 106 others, gentlemen and ladies, inhabitants of Jackson and Calhoun counties, asking this Legislature to enact laws for the suppression of intemperance by compelling the venders of intoxicating drinks, to give bonds for the support of those who are reduced to poverty by intemperance or its influence, and for the payment of all damages occasioned by those under the influence of liquor who have purchased the same of them.

Referred to select committee on licenses.

By Mr. Winchell: of H. H. Smith and 113 others, citizens of the village of Lansing, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors.

Referred to select committee on licenses.

By Mr. Welles: of Thomas Sellman and 56 others, praying for the passage of an act authorizing Thomas Curtis, Thomas Seely and their associates, to take a portion of the water from a stream usually termed the Hawks' Creek, for mill purposes.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Dox: of William McKellops and 137 others of Oakland county, in favor of rescinding the resolutions passed by the Legislature of 1848, and 1849, instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress, in regard to slavery in territories.

Referred to committee on federal relations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a petition of the citizens of the towns of Georgetown and Holland, in the county of Ottawa, asking that town 6 north, of range 14 west, might be attached to Georgetown; and that town 5 north, range 14 west, be attached to the town of Allandale, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred a petition of sundry citizens of the county of Sanilac, praying that the county seat of said county might be permanently located, and that commissioners might be appointed to locate the same, also that they be empowered to loan money for the purpose of erecting county buildings in said county, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage, and to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on agricultures and manufactures have had under consideration the petition of Joseph H. Clowes and 27 others, praying for the passage of an act to tax all stud horses. Said committee have instructed their chairman to report adverse to said petition, for this reason: the committee are of the opinion there are sufficient inducements held out for the improvement of the breed of horses through

the premiums of the agricultural society. Therefore your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

S. STREET, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of H. H. Smith and others, asking an appropriation of non-resident highway taxes on the state road from Flint to Lansing, have considered the same, and report a bill to apply to so much of said state road as lies in the townships of Woodhull, Bath, and Meridian, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill was read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Road Company, reported the same back to the House, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on printing, to whom was referred the claim of Daniel Munger, successor of the firm of Munger and Pattison, for printing done for the State and also for pressing sheets for binding, having had the same under consideration, submitted a report in writing, and also a joint resolution instructing the Auditor General to draw his warrant in favor of Daniel Munger for the sum of two hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-five cents, recommended its passage and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the report and resolutions laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill authorizing the trustees of the Marshall Cemetery Company to convey their real and personal estate to the common council of the village of Marshall, and to repeal the act entitled an act to incorporate the Marshall Cemetery Company, having had the same under consideration, reported the same back to the House with a substitute therefor, in which the concurrence of the House was asked and the passage of which they recommended and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said substitute read twice, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Sloan moved to take from the table the concurrent resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint three commissioners to examine into the affairs of the state prison at Jackson.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The same was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Street.

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of House bill No. 61, being a bill to attach a part of the township of Bertrand in the county of Berrien, to the township of Niles; and,

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The rules were suspended, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Senate bill No. 50, being a bill to amend an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849, was taken from the table.

Mr. Hayden moved that the same be referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Pending which,

Mr. Spencer moved to lay the bill on the table.

Which motion did not prevail, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Dox,
Duncan,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Kellogg,

Mr. Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hall,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,

Mr. Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Scott,
Smith,
Stowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Welles,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,

Mr. Hall,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,

Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Fowle,
Green,

Kennedy,
King,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Norton,

Scott,
Smith,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Britain,

Orson R. Willard, of Niles, and George H. Murdock, of Berrien, were permitted to withdraw their respective petitions from the files of the House.

Mr. Hussey gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the law relative to the management of the state prison, and the salaries of the officers of the same.

Mr. Noyes moved to take from the table the bill to incorporate the Plymouth Plank Road Company.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. King submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations be instructed to report without delay on the joint resolutions of instructions respecting slavery in the territories of the United States.

Mr. Dennis moved to lay the resolution on the table, upon which the yeas and nays were ordered.

Pending which,

Mr. Cartter moved a call of the House. Call ordered.

Roll called, and Messrs. Bonham, Colvin and Winchell, were absent without leave.

Mr. Scott moved to dispense with all further proceedings under the call.

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The sergeant-at-arms was despatched after the absentees.

Mr. Hayden moved to dispense with further proceedings under the call.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Quackenboss moved that the House do now adjourn.

But the House refused to adjourn, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,

Mr. Britain,
Dennis,
Fowle,

Mr. Irvine,
Quackenboss,
Willson,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. McCarty,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Speaker,

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The Sergeant-at-arms reported Messrs. Bonham and Winchell at the bar of the House, and that Mr. Colvin was sick.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Colvin was excused.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

Messrs. Bonham and Winchell were permitted to render their excuses, which being satisfactory, they were excused.

The question was then taken on Mr. Dennis' motion, and the same prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Beers,
Bonham,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Mr. Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,

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On motion of Mr. Roberts,
The House adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, February 25, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Mr. Jones absent with leave, and Mr. Root without leave.

Mr. Colvin asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Root on account of indisposition.

The Speaker asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to strike out "March 7," in the enrolled bill to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Chippewa Portage Company, approved March 7, 1847, and insert "March 17."

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The action of the rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Noyes: of Henry Fralick and 32 others, praying for the repeal of all laws which sanction the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and for the passage of a law prohibiting such traffic, with penalties sufficient to secure its observance.

Referred to select committee on licenses.

By Mr. Wilson: of B. H. Lane and 46 others, to amend an act entitled an act to provide for laying out a state road from Ohio line north, to the village of Hudson, approved March 31, 1849.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Fowle: of James Wheeler and 25 others, of the town of Moscow, county of Hillsdale, asking the appointment of commissioners for the purpose of altering a certain state road.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Montgomery: of James Shepherd, guardian of Esther Ann Shepherd, asking for authority to sell certain real estate.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Beers: the remonstrance of Robert Hilton and Nathaniel Fish against the claim of John Hogabone to certain salt spring lands in Kent county.

Referred to committee on public lands.

Also the petition of H. C. Smith and others, relative to a certain state road in the county of Kent.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

Also, the remonstrance of J. W. Winsor and 1107 others, against the removal of the county seat of Kent county from Grand Rapids.

Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Green: the remonstrance of Washington Harwood and 149 others, citizens of Lenawee county, against the rescinding of the joint resolutions passed at the last session of the Legislature relative to slavery in the territories of the United States and in the District of Columbia, and asking that the said resolutions may be immediately re-enacted.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Otis: the claim of L. H. Hubbard for collecting and packing arms and accoutrements in the county of Macomb;

The claim of Wm. Mynahen for hauling ordnance to Central Rail Road Depot;

The claim of Munger & Pattison for printing and publishing general orders and notices for the year 1848 and 1849;

The claim of the Daily Advertiser office for printing done during two years for the Adjutant General's office, viz: during the years 1848 and 1849;

The claim of C. W. Williams for glazing done in state building at Detroit during 1849;

The claim of Patrick Kern for blacksmithing done on State building at Detroit;

The claim of Anthony Kaminski, for printing and publishing general orders during the years 1848 and 1849; and

The petition of George Allen, asking relief for moneys paid the state, as set forth in the accompanying paper.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Axford: a petition of E. Clark and 58 other citizens of the town of Independence, in the county of Oakland, praying that act No. 192, of the session laws of A. D. 1849, in relation to the improvement of the Pontiac and Grand River road, might be repealed; also petition of James B. Simonson and 72 others, citizens of Oakland county, for the same purpose.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Stockton: the petition of A. Prentice and others, asking for a Plank Road charter in the county of Macomb.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Price: of N. C. Parkhurst and others, of the town of Pontiac, asking an appropriation of one thousand dollars in money, or lands out of the University fund, for the benefit of the Oakland Female Seminary.

Referred to committee on education.

By Mr. Hall: the petition of Wm. Kibbey and 27 other citizens of the county of Ionia, asking that an act entitled an act to provide for establishing and constructing a wagon road from Jackson to the village of Saranac, in the county of Ionia, approved March 19, 1845, may be revived and extended for 5 years.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Britain: of Jacob Beeson and David Kirk, for transfer of record of certain lands from Berrien county to Cass county.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Mead: of George Goodrich and 100 others, tax payers of Hillsdale county, asking for the repeal of an act establishing a certain state road in said county, approved March 31, 1849.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

Also, the petition of A. C. Holt and 50 others, inhabitants of Hillsdale county, praying the abolition of the present system of employing convict labor in the state prison.

Referred to committee on state prison.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition

of Alvarado Brown and others, praying for the passage of a law entitling fractional school district No. 8 in the townships of Quincy and Allen to receive their proportion of the public money for the year 1849, respectfully report:

That it appears from the petition referred to, that the school house in said district was destroyed by fire during the past year; and that this accident prevented the continuation of the school three months.

That this misfortune may not be increased by the loss of their share of the public money, your committee have instructed me to introduce a bill for their relief, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

The same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 32, to amend an act to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor, and Senate bill No. 46, to incorporate St. Mark's College at Grand Rapids, have instructed me to report the same back to the House, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, referred to the committee of the whole House and placed on the general order.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred sundry petitions of citizens of various parts of this state praying for the organization of certain townships, and that certain townships might be attached to others, and that the county lines of certain townships might be changed, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled a bill to revive and continue in force an act entitled

an act to incorporate the Chippewa Portage Company, approved March 17, 1847.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 23, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Marshall and Bellevue Plank Road Company;

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company;

An act to vacate a portion of the village plat of the village of Geneva, in the county of Cass and for other purposes; and

An act to repeal act No. 267 of the session laws of 1849, being an act entitled an act to prevent the transportation of pickled fish without inspection.

JNO. S. BARRY.

And the following from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 23, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith a bill to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Chippewa Portage Company, approved March 7, 1847, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein by a two-thirds vote.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

And the bill was ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 23, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill to vacate a part of the plat of Plymouth village, in the county of Wayne; also,

2. A bill to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company;

And to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in the first named bill, and have also passed the second named bill by a two-thirds vote, with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Herewith is transmitted the following entitled bills, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote, and respectfully asks the concurrence of the House therein, viz:

3. A bill to incorporate the Iron Bay and Carp River Plank Road Company;

4. A bill to modify the act incorporating the Algonquin Mining Company;

5. A bill to modify an act entitled an act to incorporate the Douglass Houghton Mining Company;

6. A bill to modify the act of incorporation of the Northwestern Mining Company of Detroit;

7. A bill to incorporate the Centerville and Kalamazoo Plank Road Company;

8. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Erie Plank Road Company;

9. A bill to incorporate the Albion and Homer Plank Road Company;

10. A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Ada Plank Road Company.

Also herewith is transmitted the following entitled bills which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked:

11. A bill to extend the time for the return of certain taxes in the township of Dexter in the county of Washtenaw;

12. A bill to amend chapter 94, and sec. 2 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes of 1846;

13. A bill providing for the trial of civil causes in the circuit courts by jury;

14. A bill to vacate the plat of Biddle City in the county of Ingham;

15. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to enable the executors

or administrators of the estate of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain lands;

16. A bill to amend chapter 20 of the revised statutes of 1846;

17. A bill authorizing the Board of Auditors of the county of Wayne to build a bridge across the river Ecorse.

Also to return herewith a memorial of the Legislature of Michigan to the Congress of the United States, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

The first named bill was ordered enrolled, as was also the Memorial of the Legislature of Michigan to the Congress of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The amendments to the 2d named bill were concurred in and the bill as amended ordered enrolled.

The 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th named bills were read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The 11th was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th were read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The 17th was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Abbott asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize the removal of the bodies of persons buried in a certain burial ground in the town of Flushing.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Hayden asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the House, a petition presented by him for the amendment of laws relative to county courts.

Mr. Scott, in pursuance of previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize Morris S. Allen to convey certain real estate.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Montgomery gave notice that on some future day, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to authorize Reubin Peryne, and David Peryne, to build a dam across Grand River.

Mr. Martin, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize Prudence Kent and Francis S. Warner, of the county of Shiawassee, to convey certain real estate.

Referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Hndson, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate Mud Street Plank Road Company.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Barlow, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Hastings and Yankee Springs Plank Road Company.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Sloan, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Britain,

The House went into committee of the whole on House bills No. 88 and No. 86, and Senate bill No. 50,

Mr. Quackenboss in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose and through their chairman reported back,

A bill to repeal act No. 53 of the session laws of 1846, and for other purposes, and

A bill for the relief of Margaret Wellings, with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

Also reported back a bill to amend an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849, without amendment, and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendments to the first and second named bills being under consideration, the same were concurred in; and,

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The rules were suspended, and the bills were read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The title to the first named bill was amended so as to read a bill to amend act No. 53 of the session laws of 1846, and for other purposes; and the title to the second named bill was amended so as to read a bill for the relief of the heirs of James H. Welling.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The rules were suspended and the third named bill was read a third time and passed, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Noyes,
Barlow,	Hussey,	Otis,
Beers,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,
Bonham,	Ke'logg,	Quackenboss,
Britain,	Kennedy,	Roberts,
Carpenter,	King,	Sacket,
Cartter,	Leach,	Scott,
Chamberlain,	Lester,	Smith,
Colvin,	Martin,	Stockton,
Clarke,	McCarty,	Street,
Dennis,	Mead,	Strowbridge,
Gidley,	Millspaugh,	Willson.
Green,	Montgomery,	Winchell,
Hall,	Morton,	Speaker,
Hayden,	Norton,	

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NAYS:

Axford,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. Renwick,
Barnes,	Kenyon,	Sedgwick,
Burrows,	Kneeland,	Sloan,
Dox,	Moore,	Snow,
Duncan,	Movius,	Spencer,
Fowle,	N. Pierce,	Welles,
Hooker,	Price,	

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Mr. Scott offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be tendered to the Rev. E. P. Ingersoll on Friday evening next, for the purpose of holding a concert of sacred music.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Britain moved to take from the table a resolution offered by him on the 20th inst., which reads as follows:

Resolved, That when any member, who voted with the majority, shall give notice to the House of his intention to move a reconsideration of the vote by which any bill, or joint resolution, or amendment

of either by the Senate, was disposed of, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House to retain possession of said bill, resolution or amendment, until the close of the 4th order of business on the following day, unless all objection to its transmission be withdrawn.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Clarke moved to strike out "House," in line two, and insert "Clerk." Lost.

Mr. Britain moved to add: "said notice shall at all times be in order." Lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Irvine, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to organize a certain township.

Referred to committee on towns and counties.

Mr. Hudson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the state printer be and he is hereby authorized to leave with the county clerk of Wayne county, three hundred copies of the Governor's Message in German, now in process of printing in the city of Detroit, to be distributed among the German population of Detroit and elsewhere, according to his discretion.

Mr. Clarke moved to amend by striking out "three hundred," and insert "one hundred and eighty," and add a proviso, as follows: "Provided, that no numbers of said message be distributed to the members of said county."

When, on motion of Mr. Hussey,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Hudson, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Britain,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of Senate bill No. 38, and

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

Section 1, 4th line, was amended by inserting "counties" in place of "county," and by inserting "Lapeer, Barry and Eaton," after the word "Saginaw," and by inserting in the 5th line after the word

"in," the words "each of," and by inserting "counties," in same line, in place of "county."

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The rules were suspended, and the bill as amended was read a third time and passed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

A bill for the relief of John Conger, and

A bill to authorize Julia H. Spencer and Jeannette A. Spencer to convey certain real estate,

Were read a third time and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A bill to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mt. Clemens to convey certain real estate,

Was ordered engrossed for a third reading; when,

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The rules were suspended, and said bill was read a third time and passed.

A bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the Convention, and for the election of delegates thereto, being under consideration, Mr. Hayden moved to strike out "one," in the last line of sec. 3, after "Van Buren," and insert "two."

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Scott,
Sloan,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Clarke,

Mr. Hooker,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Price,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,

Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Green,

Montgomery,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,

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Mr. Leach offered the following substitute for section three:

The number of delegates in such Convention shall be eighty-eight, to be apportioned among the several counties and representative districts of this state, as follows, viz: the county of Allegan 1, Barry 1, Berrien 2, Branch 3, Calhoun 4, Cass 2, Chippewa and the counties attached thereto for representative purposes 1, Clinton 1, Eaton 1, Genesee 3, Hillsdale 3, Ingham 2, Ionia and the counties attached thereto for judicial purposes 2, Jackson 5, Kalamazoo 3, Lapeer 2, Kent and Ottawa and the counties attached thereto for judicial purposes 3, Lenawee 6, Livingston 3, Mackinaw 1, Macomb 4, Monroe 4, Oakland 8, Saginaw and the counties attached for judicial purposes 1, Shiawassee 1, St. Clair 2, St. Joseph 3, Van Buren 1, Washtenaw 7, Wayne 8.

Mr. Scott moved to amend the substitute by striking out after the word "Genesee" the word "three," and insert "two."

Mr. Dennis moved that the substitute be indefinitely postponed.

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kenneday,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlin,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Kellogg,
Leach,
Morton,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,
Speaker,

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Mr. Quackenboss moved to reconsider the vote by which "1" was stricken out and "2" inserted in the last line of section 3, after the words "Van Buren."

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Kenyon,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Barnes,	King,	Renwick,
Burrows,	Kneeland,	Sackett,
Carpenter,	Lester,	Sedgwick,
Cartier,	Martin,	Smith,
Chamberlain,	Mead,	Snow,
Clarke,	Millspaugh,	Spencer,
Dennis,	Montgomery,	Stockton,
Dox,	Norton,	Stowbridge,
Green,	Noyes,	Welles,
Hooker,	Otis,	Willson,
Kennedy,	Price,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Movius,
Barlow,	Hayden,	J. B. Pierce,
Beers,	Hussey,	N. Pierce,
Bonham,	Irvine,	Scott,
Britain,	Ives,	Sloan,
Colvin,	Kellogg,	Street,
Duncan,	Moore,	Winchell,
Fowle,	Morton,	Speaker,
Gidley,		

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The question recurring on striking out, the House refused to strike out.

Mr. Morton offered the following substitute for section 3:

Strike out section 3 and insert the following, to wit:

"There shall be elected eighty-eight delegates to said convention; the same to be elected in the same counties and the same senatorial districts and in the same manner as Representatives and Senators to the Legislature are now elected."

Which, on motion of Mr. Green,

Was indefinitely postponed, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Noyes,
Barlow,	Hall,	Otis,
Barnes,	Hussey,	J. B. Pierce,
Beers,	Irvine,	Price,
Bonham,	Ives,	Quackenboss,

Britain,
Barrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,

Renwick,
Sacket,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Hayden,
Hooker,
Leach,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
Norton,
N. Pierce,
Smith,

Mr. Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,

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On motion of Mr. Haydon,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Half past two o'clock.

Mr. Irvine moved to strike out of section 1, line 3, "the first Monday of April."

Mr. Mead moved a call of the House.

Call ordered.

Roll called, and Messrs. Hooker, Morton, Strowbridge and Scott were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Pierce,

Messrs. Roberts and Scott were excused on account of ill health.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question then recurring on striking out,

The same did not prevail, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Kennedy,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Strowbridge,

Dennis,
Dox,
Hayden,

Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,

Welles,
Wilson,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Hayden moved to strike out in the 6th line of section 5, after the word "entitled," to the word "and," after "Legislature," in the 7th line, and insert the following: "to two dollars for every 20 miles travel each way, and two dollars per diem for their services as members of the convention."

Which was lost, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
King,
Mead,
Norton,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hudson,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movins,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The Speaker asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the

House to strike out the word "Kent," where it occurs the second time in the bill this day passed the House, in relation to county courts.

Mr. Irvine moved the following proviso, to come in after the first section of the House bill No. 43:

Provided. That it will be lawful for the counties of Michilimackinac, Chippewa, and the counties attached thereto for representative purposes, to hold their election for delegates to said convention on the 1st Tuesday of May.

Mr. Movius moved to strike out in section 6, line 5, the words "person entitled to vote at that election," and insert: "every free male inhabitant of the age of twenty-one years, who has resided in this state six months next preceding said election, and who is an actual resident of the state on that day."

On motion of Mr. Britain,

The same was indefinitely postponed, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Leach,
McCarty,
Mead,
Movius,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,
Renwick,
Sloan,
Winchell,

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Mr. King moved to strike out "May" and insert "June," where it occurs in the second line of section five.

Which motion prevailed, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford, Barlow, Barnes, Beers, Bonham, Burrows, Carpenter, Chamberlin, Colvin, Dennis, Dox, Fowle, Hall, Hooker, Hudson,	Mr. Hussey, Irvine, Kennedy, Kenyon, King, Kneeland, Leach, Martin, McCarty, Millspaugh, Montgomery, Moore, Morton, Movius, Norton,	Mr. Noyes, Otis, J. B. Pierce, Price, Quackenboss, Roberts, Sacket, Sloan, Smith, Snow, Stockton, Strowbridge, Welles, Willson, Speaker,
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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott, Britain, Cartter, Clarke, Duncan, Gidley,	Mr. Green, Hayden, Ives, Kellogg, Lester, Mead,	Mr. N. Pierce, Renwick, Sedgwick, Spencer, Street, Winchell,
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Mr. Mead moved to amend section 5, by striking out in the first line of the same, the words, "the capitol at Lansing."

Which motion did not prevail, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott, Axford, Burrows, Carpenter, Cartter, Chamberlain, Colvin,	Mr. Fowle, Gidley, Hooker, Hudson, McCarty, Mead,	Mr. Millspaugh, Otis, Roberts, Sacket, Snow, Stockton,
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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow, Barnes, Beers, Bonham, Britain, Clark, Dennis, Dox, Duncan, Green,	Mr. Kellogg, Kenneday, Kenyon, King, Kneeland, Leach, Lester, Martin, Montgomery, Moore,	Mr. N. Pierce, Price, Quackenboss, Renwick, Scott, Sedgwick, Sloan, Smith, Spencer, Street,
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Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,

Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,

Strowbridge,
Welles,
Wilson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 45

Mr. Movius moved to strike out in section 6, line 5, the words "in the election district in which he shall then reside, and not elsewhere."

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Spencer moved to add the following to section 6:

"And the Secretary of State shall cause the result of the submission, herein provided for, to be published in the state paper."

Which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Sedgwick,

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Mead,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, February 26, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called, and members all present.

On motion of Mr. Roberts,

The action of the rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading was dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Stockton: of Mrs. Euphemia Hubbard and 63 other ladies of Macomb county, asking for the passage of bill No. 40, relative to the license laws and the sale of spirituous liquors.

Ordered laid on the table and printed.

By Mr. Burrows: of J. A. Wendell and 42 others of the county of Oakland, for a state road from Grand Blanc, in the county of Genesee, to Milford, in the county of Oakland.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Duncan: the remonstrance of 404 citizens of Kalamazoo county, without distinction of party, against rescinding the joint resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress requiring

them to sustain the Wilmot Proviso; they also further ask that said instructions be repeated until all danger of the further extension of slavery shall cease to exist.

Which he moved be referred to the committee on ways and means.

Which motion did not prevail.

And said remonstrance was, on motion, referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Hussey: the remonstrance of Isaac E. Lambourn, of Schoolcraft, against rescinding the resolutions passed by the last Legislature, instructing our members in Congress to use their votes and influence against the extension of slavery, with his appeal to the integrity of this Legislature to carry out the wishes of their constituents; and asked that it might be read and referred to the committee on federal relations.

It was read and so referred.

By Mr. Montgomery: the remonstrance of S. Hunker and 73 others, against the alteration of a certain state road.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Hall: of John C. Ball and 70 other citizens of the county of Ionia, asking a change of the present system of employing the convicts in the state prison in various mechanical employments.

Referred to the committee on the state prison.

By Mr. Mead: of Charles Gaige and 60 other inhabitants of Hillsdale county, praying the abolition of the present system of employing convict labor in the state prison.

Referred to the committee on state prison.

By Mr. Movius: of D. H. Pattison, J. D. Kief, B. Case and 61 others, asking for a change in the employment of convicts in the state prison.

Referred to committee on state prison.

Also, the claim of A. Kaminsky, for printing the Governor's Message in the German and Dutch languages, for the year 1848 and 1849.

Which he asked might be referred to the committee on printing.

It was ordered to be so referred.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom were referred the following bills, report the same back to the House, recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration:

A bill to incorporate the Hastings and Yankee Springs Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Mud Street Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Erie Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Albion and Homer Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Ada Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company.

Said bills were severally read twice, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of John Hogadone, a resident upon salt spring lands praying for relief, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the prayer of said petitioner be not granted and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hunt and others of Byron, Shiawasse county, for the passage of a law to vacate Washington street in the village of Byron and to give the said street in fee to William Sheldon and Samuel Hunt, have had the same under consideration and have directed their chairman to report adverse to the prayer of said petition and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a Senate bill authorizing the trustees of the first society of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jackson to execute a mortgage on certain real estate, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend sec. 85 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report adverse to the passage of said bill and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged; said bill (being Senate bill) was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of V. R. Paine and others to amend act No. 77 of laws of 1847, have considered the same, and ask leave to report a bill to carry out the prayer of the petitioners, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also, the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred House bill to lay out a state road from Lexington in Sanilac county to Point Aux Barques in Huron county, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back without amendment and recommend

its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. E. Fletcher and others, of Riga, in the county of Lenawee, praying for the passage of a law to authorize the township to divert the proportion of the mill tax which is annually appropriated to the increase of the library, to the support of schools, respectfully report:

That your committee regard the annual appropriation of a portion of the mill tax to the increase of the township libraries, as a measure of much wisdom—that no consideration, whatever, should be allowed to divert it; and they regret to learn that any township, however small, should be so well satisfied with a library of "338 select volumes," as to be willing to forego, even for two years only, the annual increase to their library which is provided for by law. Your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the petition ought not to be granted; and they ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from its further consideration.

The Speaker announced the following message from the executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 25, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Chippewa Portage Company, approved March 17, 1847.

JNO. S. BARRY.

And also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 25, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted,

A bill to encourage emigration,

Which I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

Referred to committee on state affairs.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Roberts gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to suspend temporarily certain provisions of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "of the election of Representatives in Congress, Electors of President and Vice President, and Senators in Congress," and to suspend other provisions in relation thereto under chapter four.

Mr. Hussey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of bringing in a bill to so amend the law as to protect those who suffer from the loss of cattle killed on the rail roads in this State, by insuring them for full amounts of damages sustained by such loss, by remuneration from companies of said roads.

Adopted.

Mr. Abbott gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to graduate the price of University lands in the county of Oakland.

Mr. Colvin gave notice that to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Union City and Fremont Plank Road Company.

Mr. Scott gave notice that he should at some future time ask leave to introduce a bill in regard to taxes in the southern part of Gratiot county;

And asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce said bill now.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted by this House on the 12th of January last, as provides that all bills reported from standing committees be printed, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

It was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Hooker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That although this House has no personal objection to their reporter, it is but justice to the tax payers of this state that the expense of such reporter should be dispensed with; the committee on printing, therefore, are hereby requested to inform such reporter that his services are no longer desired.

On motion of Mr. Haydon,

The same was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Haydon gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of promoting education in the village of Lawrence, in the county of Van Buren.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The house having arrived at the order of bills for a third reading, the bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,

Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Leach,

Mr. McCarty,

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The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Dennis in the chair.

After some time spent thereon, the committee arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration,

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Plank Road Company;

To which they had made no amendments. Also,

A bill relative to the county of Manistee,

To which they had made amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

And the question being on concurring in the amendments to the last named bill, the same were concurred in, and the bill,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Ordered laid on the table.

The second named was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

And the first named bill being under consideration, Mr. Britain offered the following amendment thereto:

Add to section 6: "and all amendments thereof hereafter made."

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Sedgwick,

The bill and amendments were ordered laid on the table;

On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session. $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Mr. Scott absent without leave.

Mr. Roberts, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to suspend, temporarily, certain provisions of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, entitled "of the election of Representatives in Congress, electors of President and Vice President, and Senators in Congress," and to suspend other provisions in relation thereto, under chapter 54.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Spencer gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit and Saline Plank Road Company, approved March 23, 1849.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The bill to authorize Harriet A. Bassett and Lafayette Bassett, of the county of Branch, to convey certain real estate, was taken up, a suspension of the rules ordered, and

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The same was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hayden moved to take from the table the bill to incorporate the Breedsville and South Haven Plank Road Company, and place it on the order of third reading of bills.

Which motion prevailed.

And said bill being under consideration, it was on motion,

Ordered laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of House bill No. 94, being a bill to unite the townships of Tyler and Eaton Rapids, in the county of Eaton.

And a suspension of the rules being ordered,

On Mr. Stockton's motion,

The same received its third reading, and was passed by the House.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

House bill No. 11, entitled a bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company, was taken from the table.

And the question being on concurring in the Senate amendments thereto,

Mr. Britain moved to amend, by inserting after the words "now in force," the words "or hereafter passed."

Lost, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Bonham,	Mr. Millspaugh,	Mr. Otis,	
Britain,	Moore,	Sloan,	
King,	Morton,	Smith,	
Kenneday,	Norton,		11

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hayden,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Axford,	Hooker,	Price,	
Barlow,	Hudson,	Quackenboss,	
Beers,	Hussey,	Renwick,	
Burrows,	Irvine,	Roberts,	
Carpenter,	Ives,	Root,	
Cartter,	Jones,	Sacket,	
Chamberlin,	Kenyon,	Sedgwick,	
Colvin,	Leach,	Snow,	
Clarke,	Lester,	Spencer,	
Dennis,	Martin,	Stockton,	
Dox,	McCarty,	Street,	
Duncan,	Mead,	Strowbridge,	
Fowle,	Montgomery,	Welles,	
Gidley,	Movius,	Willson,	
Green,	Noyes,	Winchell,	
Hall,	J. B. Pierce,	Speaker,	51

Mr. Clark offered the following amendment to the Senate amendment:

Add after the word "force," "or passed at the present session of this legislature."

Mr. Otis moved to lay the bill and amendment on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Clarke,

The same was not adopted.

The Senate amendment, which was as follows:

Substitute for section 5: Sec. 5. The said company shall be

subject to all general laws of this state now in force relative to plank roads, and the same is made a part of this act,

Was then concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
McCarty,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Britain,
Ives,
Millspargh,
Norton,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Sedgwick,

Mr. Sloan,
Smith,
Street,

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Mr. Clarke gave notice of an intention to move a reconsideration of the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The House then took up from the table, the bill to incorporate the Breedsville and South Haven Plank Road Company, and the question being on the final passage thereof,

Pending which,

Mr. King moved that the House adjourn.

Which did not prevail.

The bill was then passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,

Mr. Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Movius,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,

Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Morton,

Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sacket,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Britain,
King,
Mills-paugh,

Mr. Norton,
Otis,
Sedgwick,

Mr. Sloan,
Street,

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Mr. Clarke gave notice of an intention to move a reconsideration of the vote by which the House passed the bill to incorporate the Breedsville and South Haven Plank Road Company.

Mr. Quackenboss moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from further consideration of all plank road bills.

Pending which,

Mr. Hudson moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

Mr. Britain offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the afternoon of each day shall be devoted to the general order until the same shall be disposed of.

Which Mr. Quackenboss accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

By unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Morton submitted the following report from the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom were referred the following bills:

A bill to amend an act incorporating the Algonquin Mining Company;

A bill to amend an act incorporating the North Western Mining Company:

A bill to amend an act incorporating the Douglass Houghton Mining Company;

Report the same back to the House and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and,

On motion of Mr. Morton,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bills were severally read a third time and passed by a constitutional majority, two-thirds of the members voting therefor.

Mr. Morton, also, by unanimous consent, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act relative to plank roads, report the same back to the House, and ask to be discharged from its consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Noyes moved that the House now go into committee of the whole on said bill.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The same was ordered laid on the table and printed.

When, on motion of Mr. Chamberlin,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 27, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Members all present.

On motion of Mr. Leach,

The action of the rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Hayden: of John L. Marvin and 50 others, praying for an act of incorporation to establish a literary institution in the county of Van Buren.

Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Dox: of George H. Robinson and 97 others, of Oakland county, for rescinding the resolutions of 1848 and 1849, relative to slavery in the territories.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Sedgwick: of Charles Spoor and 80 others, citizens of Ann Arbor, praying for an alteration of the laws relative to the employment of convicts in the state prison.

Referred to the committee on state prison.

By Mr. Price: two petitions of numerous inhabitants of the town of Brandon, Oakland county, asking for the passage of a law to lay out and establish a road in said township, and asking an appropriation from the State therefor.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Britain: resolutions of Western Star Union, Daughters of Temperance, asking a law inhibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage under severe penalties, and under certain circumstances making such sale a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment.

Referred to select committee on the license laws.

By Mr. N. Pierce: of Marvin Hannah and 120 others, praying for the alteration of a state road between Albion in Calhoun county and Eaton Rapids in Eaton county.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Carpenter: of John V. Reuhle and 86 others, citizens of the city of Detroit, in reference to the Pontiac Rail Road.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Romeo Plank Road Company, and the bill to incorporate the Centerville and Kalamazoo Plank Road Company, report the same back to the House. recommend their passage and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a petition praying for an act to incorporate the Illion Steam Mill

Company, report the same back to the House, recommend that no further action be had on the same, and ask a discharge of the committee from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said petition ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to repeal certain provisions of law relative to appeals from the boards of supervisors, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report adverse to the passage of said bill, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill ordered laid on the table.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill (Senate) to amend section 24, chapter 84, revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to change the name of the township of Kinderhook, in the county of Branch, to that of Leon, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill was,

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

Ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to vacate a part of the plat of Plymouth village, in the county of Wayne;

A bill to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company, and

A memorial to the the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Hayden, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to incorporate the Lawrence Literary Institute Association, and moved its reference to the committee on banks and incorporations.

It was ordered to be so referred.

Mr. Strowbridge gave notice that upon some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Society.

Mr. Burrows, pursuant to previous notice, leave being granted, introduced a bill to repeal certain acts, and a part of an act approved March 31, 1849.

Read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The bill relative to the county of Manistee was taken up from the table and recommitted to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The committee of the whole were discharged from further consideration of the bill to repeal section 15 of the session laws of 1849, and for other purposes, and the same was referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

Mr. Burrows gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill for laying out and establishing a state road from Grand Blanc in Genesee county, to Milford in Oakland county.

Mr. Hussey, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to incorporate the village of Battle Creek.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Street gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a company to construct a plank

road from the village of Niles in Berrien county, to the state line of Indiana in St. Joseph county.

By unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Hooker introduced a bill relative to town plats, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Mead,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bill read a first and second time, when

Mr. Clarke moved that it be laid on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading, under the suspension of the rules. was so read, and passed by the House.

Mr. Price introduced joint resolutions relative to allowance for transportation of military supplies to the Adjutant and Quarter-Master General.

Ordered laid over one day under the rule.

Mr. Scott, from the committee on state affairs, by unanimous consent of the House, submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred a bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Lansing, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report it back with an amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

SAMUEL M. SCOTT, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

And also the following:

The committee on state affairs to whom was referred Senate bill No. 85, being a bill to encourage emigration, have had the same under consideration, and I have been directed by a majority of said committee to report the bill back to the House without amendment, recommend the passage of the same, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

SAMUEL M. SCOTT, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The House having reached the order of

THIRD READING OF BILLS,

Took up a bill to incorporate the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Plank Road Company,

Which was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Clarke in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration the following entitled bills:

A bill to establish highways in the township of Hartland, in the county of Livingston, to which they had made an amendment;

A bill to alter a state road laid out by an act approved April 13, 1841, and amended by an act approved January 29, 1844, in the township of Ronald, Ionia county, to which they had made amendments;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases, to which they had made an amendment;

A bill to provide for the collection of taxes assessed on personal property in certain cases, with an amendment;

A bill to authorize C. C. Darling and B. F. Bailey to erect a dam across Grand River, to which they had made no amendments; and

A bill to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes of 1846, to which they had made no amendment.

In all which they asked the concurrence of the House, and to be discharged from further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendment to the first named bill was non-concurred in.

The amendments to the second, third and fourth named bills were severally concurred in.

And the several bills reported back as above were then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

When, on motion of Mr. Wilson,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session. $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Messrs. Kneeland, Martin, Mead and Sackett absent without leave.

Mr. Kenyon asked and obtain leave of absence for the day for Mr. Kneeland. Mr. Fowle for Mr. Mead until Monday next. Mr. Millspaugh for Mr. Sackett for the day.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Stockton in the chair.

After some time spent thereon the committee arose and by their chairman reported back to the House that they had had under consideration,

1. A bill to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes of 1846, to which they had made no amendment;

2. A bill to amend section 42 of chapter 12, title 3 of the revised statutes, for which the committee had adopted a substitute, and asked the concurrence of the House therein;

3. A bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Pulas-ki in the county of Jackson for the year 1849, to which they had made no amendment;

4. A bill to provide for holding terms of the circuit court in the counties of Ingham and Eaton, to which they had made no amendment;

5. A bill to amend section 60, chapter 14, title 3 of the revised statutes of 1846, to which they had made no amendment;

6. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, approved April 3, 1849, to which they had made no amendment;

7. A bill to repeal an act entitled an act for the dissolution of certain school districts in the county of Oakland, approved March 29, 1849, to which they had made an amendment, and asked the concurrence of the House therein;

8. A bill for the alteration of the township lines between the townships of Ash and Frenchtown, in the county of Monroe, to which they had made no amendment;

9. A bill to amend section 63, chapter 14 of the revised statutes of 1846, to which they had made no amendment;

10. A bill to amend an act relative to free schools in the city of Detroit, to which they had made an amendment, and asked the concurrence of the House therein;

11. A bill to amend sec. 65 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, to which they had made an amendment, and asked the concurrence of the House therein;

12. A bill to enable Tracy Richmond, a minor, to convey certain real estate, to which they had made no amendment; and

13. A bill to incorporate the Saginaw and Genesee Plank Road Company, to which they had made sundry amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and to be discharged from further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The first named bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The substitute to the second was concurred in, and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth named were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendment to the seventh was concurred in and the bill as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The eighth and ninth named bills were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the tenth named were concurred in.

And the question being on ordering the bill engrossed for a third reading;

Pending which, Mr. Carpenter offered the following amendment:

Amend sec. 3 by adding at the end thereof: "Provided the removal of such member shall not be from the city." Adopted.

And the bill as amended was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendment to the eleventh named was concurred in.

When Mr. Leach offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause.

Lost.

And the same was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The twelfth named was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the thirteenth were concurred in, and the question being on ordering the same engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Noyes offered the following substitute for section 5:

Sec. 5. This act shall be and remain in force for the term of sixty years from and after its passage, but the Legislature may at any time alter, amend or repeal this act by a vote of two-thirds of each branch thereof, but such alteration, amendment or repeal shall not be made within thirty years from the passage of this act, unless it shall be made to appear to the Legislature that there has been a violation, by the company of some of the provisions of this act: *Provided, That* after the said thirty years, no alteration or reduction of the tolls of said company shall be made during its existence, unless the yearly nett profits of said company, over and above all expenses, shall exceed ten per cent. on the capital stock invested: *Provided, There* be no violation of the charter of said company.

Lost, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Beers,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Hooker,

Mr. Kellogg,
King,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
Price,
Scott,
Stockton,
Welles,
Winchell, 18

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Moore,
Norton,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,
Speaker,

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Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "thereof," in the third line of section five.

Adopted, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Scott,
Smith,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Montgomery,
Morton,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Speaker,

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Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Add a new section, as follows:

Sec. 4. Any person suffering damages in consequence of the insufficiency or bad condition of the road may recover the same from said company in an action of debt before any court having competent jurisdiction.

When, on motion of Mr. Movius,

The bill and amendments were laid on the table.

Mr. Leach gave notice that he should to-morrow move a reconsideration of the vote by which sec. 5 of the bill to incorporate the Genesee and Saginaw Plank Road Company was refused to be stricken out.

The Speaker, by consent of the House, announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 26, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith,

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices; also,

A bill for the relief John Conger, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Also, to transmit,

A bill to organize the county of Tuscola; and

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids' Plank Road Company, and to respectfully inform you, that the Senate have passed the same, the first by a majority and the last named by a two-thirds vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv't,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The first and second named bills were ordered enrolled.

The third was referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

The fourth to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, {
February 27, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith,

A bill to authorize the common councils of the villages of Marshall and Adrian to discontinue certain streets within the limits of their corporations, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same by a two-thirds vote, with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return herewith a bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels; and

A bill to authorize Nathaniel A. Balch, administrator, to sell certain real estate belonging to the estate of Walter Clark, deceased;

Which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have adopted and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE, *Sec'y of Senate.*

The first named bill,

On motion of Mr. Barlow,
Was ordered laid on the table.

The second and third were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg,
The House adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, February 28, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Hall, Roberts and Wells absent without leave, and Mr. Mead absent with leave.

Mr. Chamberlin asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hall until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The daily reading of the journal was dispensed with until otherwise ordered.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Montgomery: of E. H. Haydon and others, asking the appropriation of non-resident taxes on a certain road; of J. E. Millett to the same effect; of S. D. Brown and others, citizens of Eaton county, to the same effect; of Marley Freeman and others, to the same effect.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on federal relations, submitted the following report:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution to instruct our Senators, and request our Representatives in Congress to use their influence to prevent the passage of a law by Congress, to incorporate the officers of the late navy of Texas into the navy of the United States, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me, as their chairman, to report that your committee are entirely unacquainted with the wants of the navy, whether there are any vacancies or not, and if more officers are

needed in the navy—whether the late officers of the Texan navy are proper persons to be employed in that important branch of the service, your committee having no means of knowing the character or the qualifications of the officers aforesaid, cannot be expected to recommend them as suitable persons to be intrusted with command, to the exclusion, perhaps, of worthy and well qualified officers, already attached to the navy, by that means putting back the day of their promotion, and rendering them cold in, if not disgusted with the service; and being well aware that our Senators and Representatives in Congress have greater opportunities to become, and are better acquainted with the wants of the navy—the character, qualifications, and claims of the said officers, than your committee can be, and perhaps, than this Legislature now are, would advise that they be left to act as their enlightened judgment and sound discretion shall dictate, free from the trammels of Legislative instructions.

Your committee therefore place the resolution again in the hands of the House, with the recommendation that no further action be had thereon, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. CARTTER, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and,

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

Said joint resolution was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Hillsdale county to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices, and,

A bill for the relief of John Conger.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Hayden, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Schoolcraft Plank Road Company.

Ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order. Also,

A bill to incorporate the village of Battle Creek.

Ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties to whom was referred Senate bill No. 60, in which sundry amendments had been made, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House, concurring in the amendments, and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also, the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred House bill No. 80, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying substitute for said bill and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said substitute read twice and referred with the bill to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill to organize certain townships therein named have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Rochester Plank Road Company, report it back to the House and recommend its passage.

The same committee to whom was referred the petition of E. H.

Hewitt and others, for a charter for a plank road from Howell to Byron, report a bill for that purpose, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills were severally read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Morris S. Allen to convey certain real estate, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a preamble and resolution of the township board of Greencubush, in the county of Clinton, relative to certain rejected taxes, which have been charged back against said township, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report the same back to the House, with the accompanying bill, the passage of which they recommend.

Your committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

And the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of William Wells and Catharine Cusick, administrator and administratrix on the estate of Clark S. Cusick, for authority to sell certain real estate, have had the same under consideration and find that said Clark S. Cusick in his life time sold 14 acres of land to Wm. S. Criswell, and received his pay for it, but did not convey it according to the terms of sale. Your committee beg leave therefore

to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize the removal of the bodies of persons buried in a certain burial ground in the town of Flushing, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report adverse to its passage. Chapter thirty-five of the revised statutes of 1846 provides fully for all such cases.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said bill ordered laid on the table.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred a bill to authorize Erie Prince to build a dam across Thornapple River in the county of Kent, have had the same under consideration and report it back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to committee of the whole.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Alonzo Bennett, guardian of nine certain minors, for liberty to sell certain real estate belonging to said minors, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully return the same to the House with the accompanying bill, the passage of which they recommend and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

And also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend chapter 94, and section 2, of chapter 42, of revised statutes of 1846; a bill to vacate the plat of Biddle City, in the county of Ing-

ham; a bill to amend chapter 20, of the revised statutes of 1846; a bill to authorize Julia A. Grongan to assign a certain land certificate; a bill to amend an act entitled an act to enable the executors or administrators of the estate of James B. Clark, to sell certain land; and a bill providing for the trial of civil causes in the circuit court, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the House, recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills severally read twice, referred to committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Prudence Kent and Frances S. Warner of Shiawassee county to convey certain real estate, respectfully report, that Smith B. Warner, father of the above named Prudence and Frances, who are minors, in his life time entered into contracts with several persons for the sale of the several parcels of land described in said bill, and that the purchasers of said lands have performed, on their part, the conditions of said contracts, and are now entitled to conveyances of the said lands. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The House took up from the table the bill to incorporate the Romeo and Canandagua Plank Road Company.

And the question being on the following amendment offered by Mr. Britain, viz:

Add to sec. 6: "and all amendments thereof, hereafter made by the present Legislature."

The same was not adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barnes,
Bonham,

Mr. Ke'logg,
Kennedy,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,

Britain,
Clarke,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Ives,

King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Norton,

Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Street,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Beers,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Green,
Hooker,
Irvine,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sacket,
Scott,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Willson.
Speaker,

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The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Leach moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday on the Saginaw and Genessee Plank Road bill, by which all after the word "thereof," in the third line of sec. 5, was stricken out.

Which motion prevailed and a reconsideration was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Said bill was taken from the table.

And the question being taken on the amendment of Mr. Dennis adopted yesterday, in the following words: to strike out all after the word "thereof" in the third line.

The same was not adopted.

The question then recurring on the amendment offered on yesterday, by Mr. Britain, in the following words:

Add a new section, as follows:

Sec. 4. Any person suffering damages in consequence of the insufficiency or bad condition of the road, may recover the same from said company in an action of debt, before any court having competent jurisdiction.

Mr. Sedgwick suggested the following modification thereof:

Insert before the word "court," "justice of the peace, or," which was accepted, and the amendment as modified, was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. Norton,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Jones,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Montgomery,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Root,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Speaker,

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Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Add a new section, as follows:

Sec. 5. Said company shall construct and open for use, at least one fifth of the whole line of road from to in each succeeding year after its commencement, until the whole road shall be completed. And if said company shall fail to construct one-fifth of said road as above, it shall be lawful for any other person or persons to subscribe the stock for such extension, and when a sufficient amount of stock shall be subscribed and paid in, for such extension of one fifth thereof, then the said corporation shall cause such extension to be made without delay.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Cartter,
Hussey,
Ives,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Otis,
Renwick,

Mr. Sackett,
Sloan,
Smith,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Noyes,
Axford,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,
Burrows,	Jones,	N. Pierce,
Chamberlain,	Kenyon,	Price,
Colvin,	King,	Quackenboss,
Clarke,	Kneeland,	Root,
Dox,	Leach,	Sedgwick,
Fowle,	Lester,	Spencer,
Gidley,	Martin,	Stockton,
Green,	McCarty,	Stowbridge,
Hayden,	Montgomery,	Willson,
Hooker,	Movius,	Speaker, 38

When, on motion of Mr. Scott,

The bill and amendments were ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Montgomery, on leave pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to authorize Reuben Perryne and David Perryne to build a dam across the Grand River in the county of Eaton.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Street, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to incorporate the Niles and State line Plank Road Company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Speaker announced the following message:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, February 28, 1850. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I am prepared to nominate to both branches of the Legislature an Adjutant General of the State, when it shall suit their convenience to meet in joint convention.

JNO. S. BARRY.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

The House then went into committee of the whole on the following entitled bills:

A bill to authorize Morris S. Allen and his wife to convey certain real estate;

A bill for the improvement of the state road from the village of Flint to Lansing, laid out under the provisions of sec. 3 of an act entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, approved April 1, 1848; and

A bill in relation to certain taxes in the southern part of the county of Gratiot;

Mr. Morton in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back a substitute for the first named bill, and asked the concurrence of the House therein, and the two last named without amendment and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the substitute for the first named bill concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bills were severally read the third time and passed by the House, without amendment.

Mr. Cartter moved to take from the table concurrent resolution relative to the adjournment of the Legislature.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Hudson,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Roll called. Messrs Roberts and Scott, absent without leave.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 28, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted

A concurrent resolution relative to a joint convention of the two Houses,

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have adopted. and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Morton, a suspension of the rules was ordered. and said concurrent resolution taken up and adopted by the House.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to wait on the Senate and inform them that the House would meet the Senate in joint convention, as agreed by concurrent resolution.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Clarke and Quackenboss as such committee.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Britain in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, the committee arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House,

A bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Hastings Plank Road Company, with sundry amendments;

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, with sundry amendments;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Saginaw and Grand River Canal Company, without amendment; A joint resolution relative to the claim of James Parshall, without amendment; and,

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Grand Rapids Hydraulic Company, without amendment.

Pending which,

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, {
Lansing, February 28, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Utica and Almont Plank Road Company;

An act to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to borrow money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices;

An act for the relief of John Conger;

An act to vacate a part of the plat of Plymouth village in the county of Wayne; and also,

A memorial to the Hon. the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Messrs. Clarke and Quackenboss who were appointed a committee to wait upon the Senate and inform them that the House would meet them in joint convention pursuant to concurrent resolution, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

The Hon. the Senate were then announced and the Senators conducted to seats.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was called to order by the President of the Senate, and the rolls of the two Houses were called by the Secretary and Clerk thereof, and the following Senators and Representatives answered to their names:

SENATORS.

Mr. Baxter,
Beach,
Brodhead,
Christiancy,
Copeland,
Dickey,
Dort,

Mr. Finley,
French,
Harvie,
Isbell,
King,
McKinney,
Riley,

Mr. Roof,
Shoemaker,
Snow,
Summers,
Walbridge,
Webb.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Wells,
Willson,
Winchell.

The President announced that the joint convention had met for the purpose of acting upon such nomination as the Executive might make.

On motion of Senator Brodhead,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed to inform the Governor that the two Houses had met in joint convention and were ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make.

The President appointed Senator Brodhead and Mr. Spencer of the House, as such committee, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and had received for answer that the Governor would immediately communicate with the convention in writing.

The following message was received from the Governor by the hands of his Private Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, February 28, 1850. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives, in Joint Convention :

I hereby nominate John E. Scharwz, of Wayne county, to be Adjutant General for the legal term to commence on the 11th day of March next, when his present term will expire.

JNO. S. BARRY.

On motion of Senator Dort,

The nomination of John E. Schwarz, to be Adjutant General for the legal term, was then advised and consented to by the following vote:

SENATORS.

YEAS:

Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Finley,	Mr. Roof,	
Beach,	French,	Shoemaker,	
Brodhead,	Harvie,	Slow,	
Christiancy,	Isbell,	Summers,	
Copeland,	King,	Walbridge,	
Dickey,	McKinney,	Webb,	20
Dort,	Riley,		

NAYS.

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REPRESENTATIVES.

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hooker,	Mr. Otis,
Axford,	Hudson,	J. B. Pierce,
Barlow,	Irvine,	N. Pierce,
Barnes,	Ives,	Price,
Beers,	Jones,	Quackenboss,
Bonham,	Kellogg,	Renwick,

Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Root,
Sedgwick,
Sioan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Sackett,

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On motion of Senator Finley,

The joint convention then adjourned *sine die*.O. W. MOORE, *Sec'y Senate*.D. P. BUSHNELL, *Clerk H. of R.*

The House was called to order by the Speaker, who thereupon announced that the two Houses in Joint Convention had advised and consented to the nomination of J. E. Schwarz to be Adjutant General for the legal term.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole.

The amendments to the first and second named bills were concurred in, and the bills as amended, were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The third, fourth and fifth named bills, no amendments being made thereto, were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The following resolution, offered by himself on the 8th inst., was taken up from the table, viz:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) that this legislature will adjourn *sine die*, on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1850;

And adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Beers,

Mr. Hooker,
Ives,
Jones,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,

Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Clarke,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Moore,
Movius,
Otis,
Sloan,

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Mr. Axford appearing within the bar of the House after said vote was taken, asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to have his vote recorded in the affirmative.

Mr. Hussey (a suspension of the rules having been ordered on his motion) presented the petition of John Stewart and 122 others, citizens of Calhoun county, praying that the taxes on certain non-resident lands may be applied to the improvement of the state road from Lansing to Battle Creek.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Movius in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose and, by their chairman, reported back to the House, without amendment,

A bill to amend an act to create a road fund for the benefit of the German colonists in Saginaw county, and to authorize the appointment of commissioners to expend the same, approved March 31, 1849, and

A bill to authorize George M. Fifield to convey real estate.

And asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The first named bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,	
Barnes,	Kennedy,	Price,	
Bonham,	Kenyon,	Quackenboss,	
Britain,	Kneeland,	Sackett,	
Burrows,	Martin,	Smith,	
Carpenter,	Millspaugh,	Snow,	
Carter,	Moore,	Stockton,	
Colvin,	Morton,	Street,	
Dennis,	Movius,	Welles,	
Dox,	Norton,	Willson,	
Hooker,	Noyes,	Winchell,	
Irvine,	Otis,	Speaker,	36

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hayden,	Mr. Montgomery,	
Barlow,	Hudson,	N. Pierce,	
Beers,	Hussey,	Renwick,	
Chamberlain,	Jones,	Root,	
Clarke,	Kellogg,	Sedgwick,	
Duncan,	King,	Sloan,	
Fowle,	Leach,	Spencer,	
Gidley,	Lester,	Stowbridge,	
Green,	McCarty,		26

Mr. Clarke moved that the following resolution offered by Mr. King on Saturday last be taken from the table, viz:

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations be instructed to report without delay on the joint resolutions of instructions respecting slavery in the territories of the United States.

And some debate arising thereon,

Mr. Dennis moved the previous question,

Which was ordered. as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Kneeland,	Mr. Price,	
Barnes,	Martin,	Quackenboss,	
Bonham,	Millspaugh,	Sackett,	
Burrows,	Montgomery,	Smith,	
Carpenter,	Moore,	Snow,	
Carter,	Morton,	Spencer,	
Colvin,	Movius,	Stockton,	
Dennis,	Norton,	Stowbridge,	
Dox,	Noyes,	Welles,	
Hooker,	Otis,	Willson,	
Kennedy,	J. B. Pierce,	Winchell,	
Kenyon,	N. Pierce,		35

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,

Mr. Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Street,
Speaker, 27

The question then being, shall the main question be now put?

It was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movins,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 42

NAYS:

Mr. Britain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,
Lester,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Street,
Stowbridge, 20

And the main question being on taking said resolution from the table, the same was decided negatively, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,

Mr. Lester,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge, 25

NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,

Mr. Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Root moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the joint resolution for the adjournment of the Legislature was passed by the House on yesterday.

Which motion prevailed, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Lerch,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Montgomery,
Movius,
Otis,
Root,
Sloan,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Wilson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Clarke,
Hooker,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,

Mr. Kneeland,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,

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Mr. Movius moved that said joint resolution be now laid on the table, which prevailed, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Haydon,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Root,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 36

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Hooker,
Jones,

Mr. Kennedy.
Kneeland,
Millsbaugh,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer, 26

Mr. Colvin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 35 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Spencer moved to take from the table the bill to repeal certain provisions of law relative to appeals from the boards of supervisors, and that the same be referred to the committee of the whole, placed upon the general order, and ordered printed.

Which motion prevailed; said bill was ordered so referred, printed, and placed on the general order.

Mr. McCarty moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of Senate bill No. 60.

Which motion prevailed.

And on motion of Mr. Movius,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bill ordered to a third reading, was so read, and passed by the House without amendment.

Mr. Morton moved to take from the table Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Saginaw and Grand River Canal Company, and place the same on the order of bills for a third reading.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Dennis, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to enlarge the powers of the Adrian Church Association.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Stockton gave notice that he would ask leave on some future day to introduce a bill relative to a certain road in Macomb county.

Mr. Beers, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent, approved March 27, 1848.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Axford, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to organize a certain township.

Read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kellogg gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the administrators of Charles Kellogg, of St. Joseph county, deceased, to convey certain real estate.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having reached the order of bills for a third reading, the following entitled bills were taken up, read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes of 1846, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Winchell,

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NAYS.

Mr. Beers,
Britain,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Spencer,
Street,

Clarke,
Irvine,
Kellogg.

N. Pierce,
Sackett,
Smith,

Wells,
Speaker,

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A bill to authorize C. C. Darling and B. F. Bailey to erect a dam across Grand River;

A bill to establish highways in the township of Hartland in the county of Livingston;

A bill to alter a state road laid out by an act approved April 13, 1841, and amended by an act approved January 29, 1844, in the township of Ronald, Ionia county;

When, on motion of Mr. Lester,

The title of said bill was amended so as to stand,

A bill to authorize the commissioners of Highways in the township of Ronald in the county of Ionia to alter a state road in said township;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases;

A bill to provide for the collection of taxes assessed on personal property in certain cases;

A bill to enable Tracy Richmond, a minor, to convey certain real estate;

A bill to amend section 63, chapter 14 of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill for the alteration of the township lines between the township of Ash and Frenchtown in the county of Monroe;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, approved April 3, 1848;

A bill to amend sec. 60, chap. 14, title 3, of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to provide for holding terms of the circuit court in the counties of Ingham and Eaton;

A bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Pulaski in the county of Jackson, for the year 1849;

A bill to repeal an act entitled an act for the dissolution of certain school districts in the county of Oakland, approved March 29, 1849;

A bill to amend an act relative to free schools in the city of Detroit;

A bill to amend sec. 65 of chap. 16 of the revised statutes of 1846, being taken up for a third reading.

Mr. Hayden moved to lay the same on the table.

Pending which, Mr. Leach moved that the House adjourn.

Which did not prevail.

And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Hayden to lay on the table,

The same prevailed.

The House also took up the following entitled bills, which were read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hayden,	Mr. Morton,
Axford,	Hooker,	Movius,
Barlow,	Hudson,	Noyes,
Barnes,	Hussey,	Otis,
Beers,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,
Bonham,	Ives,	Price,
Burrows,	Jones,	Quackenboss,
Carpenter,	Kellogg,	Root,
Carter,	Kennedy,	Sackett,
Chamberlain,	Kenyon,	Sedgwick,
Colvin,	King,	Snow,
Clarke,	Kneeland,	Spencer,
Dennis,	Leach,	Stockton,
Dox,	Lester,	Stowbridge,
Duncan,	Martin,	Welles,
Fowle,	McCarty,	Willson,
Gidley,	Millspaugh,	Winchell,
Green,	Montgomery,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Britain,	Mr. N. Pierce,	Mr. Smith,
Norton,		

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A substitute for Senate bill to amend section 42 of chapter 12, title 3 of the revised statutes;

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, by a two-thirds vote;

A bill to amend an act to create a road fund for the benefit of the German colonists in Saginaw county, and to authorize the appointment of commissioners to expend the same, approved March 31, 1849;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Grand Rapids Hydraulic Company, by a two-thirds vote;

Joint resolution relative to the claim of James Parshall;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Saginaw and Grand River Canal Company, by a two-thirds vote.

And the bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Hastings Plank Road Company, being taken up for a third reading, and so read.

Mr. Britain called for the yeas and nays on the final passage thereof.

Pending which,

Mr. Norton moved that the House adjourn.

Which did not prevail.

The question then recurring on the call for the yeas and nays, the same was not ordered.

And the question being on the final passage of the bill, the same was passed.

On motion of J. B. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Messrs. Hall, Mead and Scott absent with leave. Mr. Roberts without leave.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Gidley in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose, and by their chairman, reported back to the House,

A bill to incorporate the Marshall and Ionia Plank Road Company, without amendment;

A bill for the relief of the several school districts in the townships of Allen and Somerset, in Hillsdale county, without amendment;

A bill to authorize James Seymour and Ogden Clark to keep up a dam across Flint river, in the county of Genesee, with amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House therein;

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Niles, with amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House therein; and

A bill authorizing a connection between the Detroit and Pontiac and Oakland and Ottawa Railroads, and for other purposes, in which they had made some progress and asked leave to sit again thereon.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

And the first named bill being under consideration, Mr. Britain offered the following amendment thereto, to stand as section 7:

Sec. 7. No dividends of the nett proceeds of said road shall be made by the said company, until the whole road shall be completed.

Which was not adopted.

No further amendment being offered, the bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The second named was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the third named bill were concurred in, and the same being under consideration, Mr. Britain offered the following amendment thereto:

Sec. 1. Strike out the proviso, and insert: "*Provided*, Said Seymour and Clark, or their legal representatives, shall, within one year from the passage of this act, construct in said dam, a good and sufficient lock, not less than feet long, and feet wide, for the passage of rafts, boats and other water-craft: said lock to be so constructed as to receive in slack water, below said dam, such boats as shall be used in navigating said Flint river, and pass them to slack water above said dam."

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Leach,

The bill and amendments were ordered laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, March 2, 1850.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Hall, Mead and Scott, absent on leave. Mr. Roberts, without leave.

On motion of Mr. Leach,

The rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Quackenboss: of citizens of school district No. 5, in the township of Tecumseh, asking the State to release their claim to a certain piece of land, for a school house site.

Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Kennedy: of Oliver Miller and 34 others, against any attempt by instructions or otherwise, to effect the resignation of our distinguished Senator, General Lewis Cass.

Referred to committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Hayden: of John Barker and 80 other citizens of Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties, praying for the passage of an act of incorporation to construct a plank road from Paw Paw in Van Buren county, to Schoolcraft in Kalamazoo county.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Jones: of Lyman Hawley and 75 others, of Napoleon, Jackson county, praying the Legislature to enact a law prohibiting the granting of licenses to sell intoxicating liquors; also, making it a misdemeanor for any person to retail intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage.

Referred to the select committee on the license laws.

By Mr. Dennis: of Orson Green and others, of the counties of Lenawee, Jackson and Hillsdale, for reduction of the pay of members of the Legislature.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred joint resolutions relative to the Erie and Kalamazoo and Michigan Southern Railroads, submitted a minority report in relation thereto.

Ordered laid on the table and printed, on Mr. Dennis' motion.

Mr. Hayden, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Allegan Plank Road Company.

Read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Seymour Winchell, Jacob Lambertson and others, of Oakland county, praying to have a road laid out, and an appropriation from the State to improve, have considered the same, and respectfully report that this proposed road is all in one township, and that the commissioners have authority to lay out and construct all roads within their township, when and where the public good will be promoted thereby: therefore, your committee do not think any legislative action necessary, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred sundry petitions of citizens of Ingham, Eaton and Calhoun counties, praying the passage of an act to appropriate certain non-resident highway taxes for the construction and repairs of the state road leading from Lansing to Battle Creek, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a bill herewith to carry out the wishes of said petitioners, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of many citizens of Oakland and Genesee counties, praying the passage of an act to authorize special commissioners to lay out a state road in said counties, have considered the same and ask leave to report a bill to carry out the wishes of the petitioners, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read

twice, ordered printed, placed on the general order, and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report :

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Clair Plank Road Company, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith,

A bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto,

And to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv't,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The first amendment to said bill, in the following words: Sec. 1, line 3, strike out April and insert May, was non-concurred in, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,

Mr. Irvine,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Sacket,

Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hudson,

Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,

Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,

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The second amendment, as follows: in line 7 and 8, strike out the written words, and insert the following after the word polls: "were opened for the election of Representatives to the present legislature," was non-concurred in.

The third amendment, as follows: "strike out the proviso at the end of sec. 1," was non-concurred in.

The fourth amendment, as follows: add to sec. 3, "and such delegates may be voted for and elected by the electors of any other county than the one in which they may reside; *Provided*, that any delegate elected from any other portion of the state than the county or district by which he is elected shall not receive mileage for any greater distance than the distance from his residence to the place of holding the convention," was non-concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Cartter,
Clarke,
Dennis,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Mr. Movius,
Spencer,
Willson,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,

Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The fifth amendment, as follows: Sec. 5, line 5, strike out "door-keeper and," was concurred in.

The sixth amendment as follows:

"Sec. 6. Strike out all of section six after 'rejection,' in line 3, and insert: 'at such time and in such manner as the convention may prescribe,'"

Was concurred in.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill to authorize the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mt. Clemens to convey certain real estate, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein.

Also, to transmit herewith the following entitled bills, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz:

2. A bill for the relief of the Baptist Society of Howell;

3. A bill to amend chapter 72 of the revised statutes of 1846;

4. A bill to vacate certain alleys in the village of Albion;

5. A bill to authorize the vacation of a certain street in the village of Kalamazoo; also

6. A bill to incorporate Monroe Chapter No. 1 of Royal Arch Masons of the city of Detroit,

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote, and respectfully asks the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The first named bill was ordered enrolled.

The second and sixth named were severally read a first and second time and referred to the committee on education.

The third, fourth and fifth were severally read a first and second time and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations be instructed to report back to this House without delay, the joint resolutions of instructions, relative to the act of Congress which provides for the recapture of fugitives from labor, which were referred to said committee on the 13th day of February last.

Mr. Otis moved to lay the same on the table.

Which motion prevailed, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Sackett,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Montgomery,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,

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On motion of Mr. Movius,

The bill to incorporate the Saginaw and Genesee Plank Road Company, was taken from the table.

And the same being under consideration, Mr. Movius offered a substitute therefor, which substitute was adopted and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Strowbridge, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Society, and asked its reference to the committee on banks and incorporations.

It was read a first and second time, and so referred.

Mr. Barnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House will on and after Monday next, meet at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Adopted, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Norton,
Axford,	Hussey,	Noyes,
Barnes,	Ives,	N. Pierce,
Beers,	Kennedy,	Root,
Bonham,	Kenyon,	Sackett,
Burrows,	King,	Sedgwick,
Carpenter,	Kneeland,	Smith,
Cartter,	Leach,	Snow,
Chamberlin,	Lester,	Spencer,
Colvin,	Martin,	Stockton,
Duncan,	Millspaugh,	Street,
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Strowbridge,
Green,	Moore,	Welles,
Hooker,	Morton,	Winchell,
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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Britain,	Jones,	Quackenboss,
Clarke,	Kellogg,	Renwick,
Dennis,	McCarty,	Sloan,
Fowle,	Movius,	Speaker,
Hayden,	Otis,	
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By unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Britain submitted the following report:

The select committee, to whom the petition of members of the First Presbyterian Church of Niles, for authority to make a bond and mortgage, was referred, have instructed me to report the following bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton moved to discharge the committee of the whole from

further consideration of the bill to amend an act to incorporate the Monroe and Erie Plank Road Company.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Hayden gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Decatur and St. Joseph Plank Road Company.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The bill to authorize the common councils of the villages of Marshall and Adrian to discontinue certain streets within the limits of the corporations, was taken from the table.

The Senate amendments thereto were concurred in, and the same as amended ordered enrolled.

Mr. Movius offered joint resolutions relative to grants of land by the Congress of the United States to the officers serving in the army of the United States during the last war with Great Britain.

Ordered laid over under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Leach,

The bill to authorize James Seymour and Ogden Clark to keep up a dam across Flint River in the county of Genesee, was taken from the table.

And the question being on the amendment offered on yesterday by Mr. Britain, the same was withdrawn.

Mr. Leach offered the following amendments:

Amendment to section 1: Strike out all after the word "shall" in the 5th line, and before "and" in the eighth line, and insert the following: "from and after the passage of this act, keep connected therewith and in good repair, a convenient shute, not less than twenty feet wide, for the free passage of rafts, boats and other water craft, and shall, whenever it may be deemed necessary for the purposes of navigation, by the judge of the circuit court of the county of Genesee, construct in said dam, or connected therewith, and kept in repair, a lock for the free passage of boats and other water craft navigating said river."

Also, strike out the words "shute or" in the 9th line of said section.

Which were severally adopted.

And the bill as amended was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter,

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Daniel Munger was taken from the table, and the same being under consideration,

Mr. Carpenter offered a bill as a substitute therefor, which was read twice, adopted, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Price moved to take from the table a joint resolution authorizing the Treasurer to place at the disposal of the Adjutant General, a certain sum of money, and asked that it be referred to the committee of the whole and placed upon the general order.

Which motion prevailed.

Said joint resolution was ordered referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes moved to take up House bill No. 123, being a bill to amend an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Britain gave notice that he should on a future day, ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to authorize Geo. H. Murdock to convey real estate;

A bill for the relief Orsen R. Willard;

A bill to incorporate Berrien County Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F.

A bill to incorporate the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Branch Railroad Company.

Mr. Renwick gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act for the encouragement of Agriculture, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts, approved March 16, 1849.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The bill to incorporate the Plymouth Plank Road Company was taken from the table.

The question being on concurring in the Senate amendments thereto, the same were concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bill as amended was ordered enrolled.

Mr. Stockton, on leave pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to lay out, establish and improve a certain state road.

Read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Kellogg, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to authorize Jane Kellogg and Edwin Kellogg to convey certain real estate.

Read a first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Quackenboss offered the following resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring.) That this House will adjourn *sine die* on Monday the 18th day of March inst.

Laid over one day under the rule.

Mr. Hussey offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be instructed and he is hereby authorized, and it be made his duty to take regularly one of the leading weekly journals printed in this State, of each political party, and that the same be bound and kept in his office as faithful chroniclers of the times.

Ordered laid over one day under the rule.

Mr. J. B. Pierce gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 12th, 1839.

Mr. Dennis moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Movius offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this House adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Adopted.

Mr. Colvin, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to amend chapter 35 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Read a first and second time and referred to the judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The bill to amend section 65 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes of 1846, was taken up from the table, read a third time and passed by the House.

Mr. McCarty gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to revive an act entitled an act to incorporate the Flint and Saginaw Navigation Company, also a bill establishing the rates of tolls to be received by said company.

Mr. Millspaugh moved that the House do now adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Clarke moved that the resolution offered by himself relative to rescinding so much of the resolution of 12th of January last, as provides for printing bills reported by standing committees, be now taken from the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Britain moved that the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Erie Plank Road Company, be placed the first in order on the general order.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Britain moved that the House now go into committee of the whole on the general order.

Which did not prevail.

On motion of Kenyon,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, March 4, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The Chaplain absent without leave.

The roll was called; the following members absent without leave: Messrs. Abbott, Axford, Barlow, Barnes, Bonham, Burrows, Dox, Duncan, Hooker, Hudson, Irvine, King, Kneeland, Leach, Moore, Morton, Movius, Roberts, Snow, Strowbridge and Welles, and Messrs. Hall, Mead and Scott with leave.

The Sergeant-at-Arms being absent without leave,

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

Charles Taylor was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, *pro tempore*, and dispatched after the absentees.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

Alfred Williams was appointed door-keeper, *pro tempore*.

Mr. Hussey asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Leach for the day on account of indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Messrs. Burrows, J. B. Pierce and Snow appearing within the bar immediately after the call was ordered, were permitted to make their several excuses, and were excused.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Ry Mr. Ives: of Elisha Ely and 33 other citizens of the village of Allegan, praying for a vacation of part of said village.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Kenneday: of John Richard and 41 others, against any attempt, by instructions or otherwise, to effect the resignation of our distinguished Senator, Gen. Lewis Cass.

By Mr. Winchell: of V. H. Powell and others, praying for the passage of a law to prohibit the killing of deer at certain times.

Referred to the committee on state affairs.

By Mr. Winchell: of James Turner and others, praying for the amendment of the road law.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Jones: the memorial of J. W. Halin, Gordon Case, C. V. Deland and other citizens of Jackson, praying the Legislature to repeal all laws which sanction the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and to establish a law totally prohibitory of the traffic, with such penalties as may be sufficient to secure its observance.

Referred to select committee on licenses.

By Mr. Stockton: of Richard Vernier and 26 others, of the township of Harrison in the county of Macomb, asking for the privilege of voting on the township library tax in said township.

Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Abbott: of 46 inhabitants of the Atherton settlement in the town of Flint, for the repeal of all laws authorizing the sale of intoxicating drinks, and praying for the passage of a law totally prohibiting the traffic in the same, with such penalties as may seem sufficient to secure the observance of the same.

Referred to the select committee on the license laws.

Also, of 105 citizens of Flint, Genesee county, for the repeal of all laws which sanction the sale of intoxicating drinks, and praying for the passage of a law totally prohibiting the traffic in the same, with such penalties as may seem sufficient to secure its observance.

Referred to select committee on license laws.

By Mr. Kellogg: of E. B. Miller and 29 others, Francis Nixon and 24 others, Peter Cook and 3 others, citizens of St. Joseph county, praying the legislature for a repeal of the existing license laws, and the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, on the penalty of fine and imprisonment.

Referred to select committee on the license laws.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Cartter from the committee on federal relations, submitted the following report:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the joint resolutions of instructions in relation to the act of Congress providing for the recapture of fugitives from labor, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee have instructed me to report that in their opinion our Senators and Representatives in Congress are well qualified to judge for themselves as to what course they had best pursue in relation to the matters set forth in the resolutions. It is one of the subjects of all absorbing interest, which now occupy the attention of Congress to the exclusion of all other Legislation, and deeply and strongly agitates the whole community throughout the length and breadth of our land. How the matter will terminate rests with the future, and as every day brings forth some new proposition, and every week requires different action, it may be easily inferred that what might be right and wholesome instruction to guide our Senators and Representatives in Congress in their action to-day, might to-morrow be wrong, improper and productive of evil; and the majority of your committee, believing that our constitutional rights are safe in their hands, are of the opinion that no instructions should be given in the least calculated to fetter or restrain the free action of our Senators and Representatives, or force them to hasty and unwise legislation; and having the utmost confi-

dence in their intelligence, integrity and prudence, and relying with implicit faith upon their patriotism, their love of country and abhorrence of disunion and disunionists, the majority of your committee would advise that no restrictions be put upon them and no directions given them in regard to their action in reference to the subject matter of said resolutions, but that they be left free to act in the premises as their better judgments and the circumstances which surround them shall dictate, and at the same time be most conducive of union and harmony, without the fetherings of legislative instructions or the bias of legislative requests. Your committee would therefore return the resolutions to the House, and recommend that no further action be had thereon and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. CARTTER, Ch'm.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said joint resolution ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred sundry petitions in relation to the price of University lands, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to introduce a bill to reduce the price of the University lands, in certain cases, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second times, ordered printed, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances, for and against making an alteration in the State road leading from Lansing to Battle Creek, in the township of Penfield, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report adverse to making any alteration, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'm.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Also, the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill to lay out and improve a State road from Mount Clemens, to Armada, in the county of Macomb, have considered the same, and report it back without amendment, recommenced its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted and the committee discharged; when,
On motion of Mr. Hussey,

Said bill was referred back to the committee with further petitions in relation thereto.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, have had the same under consideration, and report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of N. F. Butterfield and others, of Oakland county, for the passage of a law authorizing Thomas Curtis and Thomas Seeley to divert the water of a certain stream in said county for milling purposes, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, referred to the committee of the whole, ordered printed and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Association, report

it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask for a discharge from its further consideration.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company; and

A bill to enlarge the powers of the Adrian Church Association.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills were severally read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to establish a police court in the city of Detroit.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of the Baptist Society of Howell, respectfully report the same back, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on printing, submitted the following report:

The committee on printing have had under consideration the claim of A. Kaminsky, upon which they are unable to make a report. They would therefore recommend its reference to the board of state auditors, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

II. D. CARPENTER, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, it was

Resolved, That all bills on the general order for plank road charters shall be made the special order of the day for Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

House bill No. 79 was taken from the table.

Mr. Duncan moved that Senate bill No. 48 be taken from the table and that it be put upon its final passage.

Which motion prevailed.

Said bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Clarke offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the following card has appeared in the public prints of this State:

A CARD.

We, the faculty of the University of Michigan, hereby inform the public that the so-called "Original Report of the Faculty," published by order of the Legislature, in Senate Doc. No. 16, is a false and spurious document, never presented by us to the Board of Regents, and imposed without our knowledge or authority upon the honorable Legislature. The true report, *as presented and read to the Board of Regents*, is that published in said Senate Doc., page 21, and authenticated as a true copy by the secretary of the Board of Regents. The corrections subsequent to the presentation, made with a view to public action, were chiefly verbal, and did not amount, taken altogether, to probably more than five lines. In the above mentioned spurious report, the language of the faculty is falsified and burlesqued; the order of the paragraphs are so changed as to render the statements incoherent; whole paragraphs really presented to the Regents are omitted; numerous fabricated passages are interpolated; and opinions and sentiments are imputed to the faculty which they never expressed or held.

GEO. P. WILLIAMS,
ANDREW TEN BROOK,
J. HOLMES AGNEW,

AB'M SAGER,
D. D. WHEDON,
SILAS H. DOUGLASS,

LOUIS FASQUELLE.

Ann Arbor, Feb. 26, 1850.

By which it would seem that a spurious report has been imposed upon this legislature, which report has been printed among the Documents of this House, therefore

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to inquire into the true character of said report, and by what means it found its way into the documents of this legislature: and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlin,

House bill No. 17 was taken from the table, and the same being under consideration, was

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Stockton introduced a bill to enable Milton H. Butler, a minor, to sell and convey a certain parcel of real estate.

Mr. Dennis moved that it be referred to the judge of probate for the county of Macomb.

The Speaker decided the motion out of order.

Said bill was referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Renwick, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to amend an act for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts.

Read a first and second time and referred to committee on agriculture and manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The following joint resolution offered by Mr. Quackenboss on Saturday last, was taken up, viz:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That this Legislature will adjourn *sine die*, on Monday the 18th day of March instant.

And the same being under consideration, Mr. Quackenboss offered the following amendment:

Strike out "18th," and insert "25th."

Mr. Hayden moved to lay the resolutions and amendments on the table.

Which did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Hayden,
Movius,

Mr. Sloan,

Mr. Welles,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Clarke,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Lester,
Martin,
Millsbaugh,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,

Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 51

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Quackenboss,
Mr. Spencer called for a division of the question.

Which was ordered.

And the question being taken on striking out.

The same prevailed, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox.
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Montgomery,

Mr. Movius,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell.
Speaker, 32

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Kneeland,

Mr. Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Strowbridge, 25

The question was then taken on the motion to insert the "25th,"
and the same prevailed.

And the question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The same was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sackett,

Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hudson,

King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Sloan,
Smith,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Duncan,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Jones,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Morton,

Mr. Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Spencer,

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Mr. Britain offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no act of incorporation shall be declared passed, or amendment to an act of incorporation by the Senate be declared concurred in, unless the yeas and nays have been taken and at least two-thirds of the members present shall have voted in favor of such passage or concurrence.

Mr. Hussey offered the following as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, That from and after this day the yeas and nays shall be called on the final passage of all bills.

When Mr. Britain withdrew his resolution.

Mr. Hussey then offered his as an original resolution; and the same was not adopted.

Mr. Britain then re-offered his resolution.

Mr. Noyes offered the following amendment:

Strike out the word "present," and insert the words "of the House."

Which was not adopted.

The question was then taken on the resolution of Mr. Britain, and the same was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,

Burrows,
Carpenter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Hayden,

Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Lester,
Moore,
Movins,
Norton,
Otis,

Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Cartter,
Dox,
Duncan,
Hooker,

Mr. Kneeland,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Noyes,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Sacket,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,

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THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The house having reached the order of bills for a third reading, the following entitled bills were taken up, read a third time and passed by the House, viz:

A bill for the relief of the several school districts in the townships of Allen and Somerset, in Hillsdale county.

A bill for the relief of Daniel Munger, and

A bill to incorporate the Marshall and Ionia Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,

Mr. Morton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Wilson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,

Mr. Norton,

Mr. Sloan,

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House having reached the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to incorporate the village of Niles.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made there- to in committee of the whole, the same were severally concurred in.

Mr. Smith offered the following amendment:

Strike out in section 26, line 1, the word "licenses."

Adopted.

Mr. Clbrke offered the following amendment, to stand as section 27:

It shall be the duty of the marshal to collect all moneys which may be due for licenses, granted in pursuance of section 11 of this act, and pay the same to the county treasurer, as provided in section twenty-six of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes; and in default of such payment as provided in said section twenty-six, the said marshal shall be subject to the penalties prescribed therein.

Adopted.

Mr. Hussey offered the following amendment.

Strike out of sec. 15, 6th line, "or any other personal property found on the premises."

Adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment to stand as sec. 30:

Sec 30. The following property shall be exempt from sale for any tax assessed by virtue of this act or the acts to which it is amendato- ry, to wit: the household furniture and goods of every householder not exceeding in value one hundred dollars, and provisions and fuel for the comfortable subsistence of such householder and his family for six months; also, all wearing apparel, and one cow.

Lost.

Mr. Hussey offered the following amendment:

Strike all in sec. 14 after the word "one year" in the 3d line to and including the word "age" in the 5th line.

Lost.

Mr. Otis offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "five," in the 2 line of section ten.
Lost.

Mr. Hussey offered the following amendment:

Insert after sec. 27: "The legislature may at any time amend or repeal this act or any part thereof, by a vote of two-thirds of both branches."

Mr. Dennis offered the following as a substitute therefor, to stand as sec. 29:

"The said common council shall make no by-laws contravening the constitution and laws of the United States or of this State; and the Legislature may, by a vote of two-thirds of each house, alter, amend or repeal this act."

Which was accepted and the substitute adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment:

Section 15, line 7, add: "not exempt by law from sale on execution." Lost.

Mr. Britain offered the following to stand as a new section:

"All property exempt from sale for state, county and township taxes shall be exempt from sale for taxes under the provisions of this act." Adopted.

Mr. Otis offered the following amendment:

Amend section 11 by striking out all to the word "and," in the 7th line.

Mr. Quackenboss moved the previous question, which was ordered.

And the main question being put on the amendment offered by Mr. Otis, the same was not adopted.

Mr. Sloan moved that the House adjourn.

Which notion did not prevail.

Mr. Clarke moved that the bill to incorporate the village of Niles be ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Which motion prevailed. When,

On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session. $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called; members all present, except those absent on leave.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Clarke, Quackenboss and Carter as the select committee on the resolution of Mr. Clarke relative to the published card of the Faculty of the University.

Mr. Britain, from the committee of ways and means, asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce the following report and bill:

The committee of ways and means, to whom was referred a bill to extend the time for the return of certain taxes in the township of Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw, have instructed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, when

On motion of Mr. Movius,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bill was ordered to a third reading, was so read, and passed by the House without amendment.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Carter in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills, without amendment:

1. A bill to amend act No. 165 of the session laws of 1848, entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain roads, approved April 1, 1848;
2. A bill for the relief of Ezra Billings;
3. A bill for the relief Alfred Ashley;
4. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, approved March 28, 1849;
5. A bill to authorize Levi C. Mathews, Samuel S. Riley and Wil-

liam R. Eck to erect a dam across the St. Joseph river, on sec. 1 in township 6 south of range 9 west, in the county of St. Joseph;

6. A bill to organize the township of Bushnell; and

7. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Erie Plank Road Company. Also,

8. A bill to incorporate the German Society of Saginaw, and

9. A bill to provide for establishing the seat of justice of the county of Newaygo,

To both of which they had made amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The 1st, 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th named bills were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The third was,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Ordered laid on the table.

The amendments to the eighth were severally concurred in.

And the question being on its engrossment for a third reading, Mr. Movius offered the following amendment:

Strike out in line 4, section 1, the words "may be," and insert "were."

Adopted.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

"And provided further, that the real estate which such company may hold shall not exceed six hundred and forty."

Which was not adopted.

No further amendments being offered, the bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the ninth named bill were concurred in.

And the question being on its engrossment, Mr. Hayden offered the following amendment:

"Provided that no more than ten days pay for each commissioner be allowed."

Mr. Irvine moved to strike out 10 and insert 20.

Which prevailed, and the amendment as amended was adopted.

No further amendments being offered, the bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, and a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Erie Plank Road Company was ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Noyes,
Barlow,	Hussey,	Otis,
Barnes,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,
Beers,	Ives,	Quackenboss,
Bonham,	Jones,	Root,
Burrows,	Kellogg,	Sacket,
Cartter,	Kennedy,	Sedgwick,
Chamberlin,	Kenyon,	Smith,
Colvin,	King,	Spow,
Clarke,	Kneeland,	Spencer,
Dennis,	Lester,	Stockton,
Duncan,	McCarty,	Strawbridge,
Fowle,	Millspaugh,	Welles,
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Willson,
Green,	Moore,	Winchell,
Hayden,	Morton,	Speaker,
Hooker,	Movius,	50

NAYS:

Mr. Norton,	Mr. Renwick,	Mr. Sloan,
N. Pierce,		4

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, March 5, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Carpenter and Leach absent without leave, and Messrs. Mead and Scott with leave.

Mr. Cartter asked an indefinite leave of absence for Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Hussey for Mr. Leach for the day.

On motion of Mr. Norton,

The action of the rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

The journal was corrected and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Monroe chapter No. 1 of Royal Arch Masons, respectfully report, that they have considered the same, and have instructed me to report it back to the House, say nothing about it, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Street, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, submitted the following report:

Your committee have had under consideration a bill to amend an act for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and arts, approved March 16, 1849, and have instructed their chairman to report the same without amendment and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the same.

S. STREET, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, referred to committee of the whole, ordered printed, and placed on the general order.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Amos Brown for relief, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, accompanied by a joint resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said joint resolution read twice, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Gidley, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to

whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Iron Bay and Carp River Plank Road Company, reported the same back to the House without amendment and recommended its passage.

Which report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas McManus and Conrad Rinehart for relief, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted, and that they have leave to withdraw their petition, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred Senate bill to authorize the board of auditors for the county of Wayne to build a bridge across the River Ecorse, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same back with an amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to enable Milton H. Butler, a minor, to sell and convey a certain parcel of real estate, beg leave to report the same back to the House and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to vacate a part of the plat of the village of Dundee, in the county of Monroe, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report it back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read

a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to vacate certain alleys in the village of Albion, and a bill to authorize the vacation of certain streets in the village of Kalamazoo, have had the same under consideration and respectfully report said bills back to the House, recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 4, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a bill to amend section 42 of chapter 12, title 3 of the revised statutes, together with the House substitute therefor; in which substitute, I am instructed to respectfully inform you, the Senate have non-concurred.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The House substitute for said bill was insisted on.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Hastings Plank Road Company, and I am instructed to respectfully inform you the Senate have non-concurred in the House amendment thereto.

I am also instructed to transmit herewith a bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments thereto by a two-thirds vote, with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

The House receded from their amendment to the first named bill.

The Senate amendment to the House amendments to the second was concurred in, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Britain,	Jones,	Renwick,
Carter,	Kellogg,	Roberts,
Chamberlain,	Kennedy,	Root,
Colvin,	Kenyon,	Sacket,
Dennis,	King,	Sedgwick,
Dox,	Kneeland,	Sloan,
Duncan,	Lester,	Smith,
Fowle,	McCarty,	Snow,
Gidley,	Millspaugh,	Stockton,
Hall,	Montgomery,	Street,
Hayden,	Morton,	Strowbridge,
Hooker,	Noyes,	Welles,
Hudson,	Olis,	Willson,
Hussey,	J. B. Pierce,	Speaker, 45

NAYS.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. N. Pierce,	2
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Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, March 4, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith, a bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have receded from their 2d and 4th amendments thereto, and adhere to their first amendment, as follows:

In sec. 1, line 3, strike out "April," and insert "May."

And their 3d amendment, as follows:

Strike out the proviso at the end of section 1.

The Senate have appointed a committee of conference, consisting of Senators Finley, Snow and Dickey, upon the disagreement between the two houses on said bill, and respectfully ask the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The House refused to recede from their non-concurrence in the first of said amendments, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hudson,

Mr. Irvine,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Lester,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,

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And the House adhered to their non-concurrence in the third amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

A committee of three was ordered to be appointed to confer with a like committee appointed on the part of the Senate, upon the disagreement between the two Houses.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Cartter, Dennis and Hayden as such committee.

Mr. Hudson, by unanimous consent, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to incorporate the Plymouth Plank Road Company;

A bill to authorize the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mt. Clemens to convey certain real estate;

A bill to authorize the common councils of the villages of Marshall and Adrian to discontinue certain streets within the limits of the corporation.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Fowle gave notice that on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of the several school districts in the township of Camden, in the county of Hillsdale.

Mr. Hayden, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to incorporate the Decatur and St. Joseph Plank Road Company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

The bill to organize certain townships therein named, was taken from the general order;

And, under a suspension of the rules,

On Mr. Strowbridge's motion,

Read a third time and passed.

Mr. Sloan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after this day the House will meet at 10 o'clock, A. M. and 2 o'clock, P. M., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Hayden moved to amend by striking out 10, and inserting $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9, and by striking out 2, and inserting $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2.

Mr. Noyes called for a division of the question,

The same was ordered.

And the question being taken on striking out 10,

The same did not prevail.

The question was then taken on the motion to strike out 2,

And the same did not prevail.

The question then recurring on the resolution of Mr. Sloan,

The same was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Cartter,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,

Mr. Jones,
Morton,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Renwick,
Roberts,
Sloan,
Welles,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Root,
Sackett,

Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hooker,

Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Norton,

Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,

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Mr. King, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to exempt property from highway taxes along the line of plank roads in certain cases.

Read a first and second time and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Roberts, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to organize certain townships in the county of Chippewa.

Read a first and second time and referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

Mr. Britain, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following entitled bills:

A bill to authorize George H. Murdock to convey real estate; and

A bill for the relief of Orson R. Willard, and asked their reference to a select committee of three.

They were read a first and second time, and ordered so referred.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Quackenboss, Clarke and Britain said committee.

Also, a bill to incorporate St. Marie's Academy at Bertrand, Berrian county, Michigan;

A bill to incorporate Berrian county Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F.;

A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Rail Road Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company.

Which were severally referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Britain gave notice that he would on a future day ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize the commissioner of the state land office to convey certain lands.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having arrived at the order of bills for a third reading, the following entitled bills were taken up, read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill to organize the township of Bushnell;

A bill to provide for establishing the seat of justice for the county of Newago;

A bill to incorporate the German Society of Saginaw, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Morton,
Movius,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Britain,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,

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A bill to authorize Levi C. Mathews, S. S. Riley and Wm. R. Eck to erect a dam across the St. Joseph river on section 1, town 6 south of range 9 west, in the county of St. Joseph;

A bill for the relief of Alfred Ashley;

A bill for the relief of Ezra Billings;

A bill to amend act No. 165 of the session laws of 1848, entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, approved April 1, 1848;

And a bill to amend the charter of the village of Niles, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Beers,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Carter,
Dennis,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
King,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Sacket,

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to authorize George M. Fifield to convey real estate.

The question being on accepting the report of the committee of the whole.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration thereof.

And said bill being under consideration, Mr. Clark offered the following amendments thereto:

Insert before "Henry," in the 7th line, the words "heirs of," and insert after "Fifield," in the 8th line, the words, "so that the heirs of Henry E. Fifield, including the said George M. Fifield, shall hold as joint tenants."

Which was not adopted.

No further amendments being offered thereto, said bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The joint resolutions relative to grants of land by the Congress of the U. S., to the officers serving in the United States army during the last war with Great Britain, was taken up, when Mr. Hayden offered the followidg amendment thereto:

Add at the end of the first resolution, the following:

"And 160 acres of land to each and every soldier serving in said war."

Adopted; when

On motion of Mr. Britain,

The resolutions were ordered laid over one day.

The House also took up the following concurrent resolution, offered by Mr. Hussey on the 2nd inst.:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be instructed, and he is hereby authorized, and it be made his duty to take regularly, one of the leading weekly journals printed in this State, of each political party, and that the same be bound and kept in his office as faithful chroniclers of the times.

And the same being under consideration, Mr. Sedgwick moved to strike out all after the word office.

Mr. Roberts offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out one political, and inserting, the several newspapers published in this State.

Mr. N. Pierce moved to strike out Secretary of State, and insert, each member of the legislature.

Which did not prevail.

And the question being on the amendment of Mr. Roberts,

Pending which,

Mr. Strowbridge offered the following amendment to the amendment: strike out the word "faithful."

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The resolution and amendments were indefinitely postponed.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Hayden in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

A bill to change the names of Louis Freudenthaler, Henry Freudenthaler, Aaron Freudenthaler and Samuel Freudenthaler, with a substitute therefor, and asked the concurrence of the House therein;

A bill relative to certain non-resident highway taxes in the township of Delhi, in the county of Ingham, without amendment;

A bill to repeal act No. 39 of the session laws of 1849, without amendment;

A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company in the of Washtenaw county, without amendment, and

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company, with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

And the committee asked to be discharged from further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The substitute to the first named bill was concurred in and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The second, third and fourth named, were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the fifth named, were concurred in, and the question being on its engrossment for a third reading,

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Add to sec. 2 as follows: "and shall be only such as shall be necessary for the objects of said company, as specified in section three of this act."

Adopted.

Mr. Movius moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Pending which,

Mr. Strowbridge moved that the House adjourn.

Withdrawn.

When Mr. Clarke moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House adhered to their non-concurrence in the first Senate amendment to the bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Messrs. Colvin, Hudson, Morton, Otis and

Smith absent without leave, and Messrs. Carpenter, Leach and Mead with leave.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Clarke in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

A bill to incorporate the Clarkston Academical Institute;

A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids Manufacturing Company; and,

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereto;

To all which they had made amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House therein.

And without amendment;

A bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes;

A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings;

A bill to change the name of Ervine Eugene Bidler;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to repeal an act to incorporate the Bank of St. Clair;

Joint resolutions authorizing the Board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton;

A bill to vacate a part of the village of Mason in the township of Coldwater in the county of Branch;

A bill to change the name of the township of Sheboygan in the county of Michilimackinac;

A bill to amend chapter 27 of the revised statutes;

A bill to lay out and establish a state road from Almont in the county of Lapeer, to Port Huron in the county of St. Clair; and

A bill to provide for letting the state printing to contract, and to repeal act No. 74 of the session laws of 1849, entitled an act relative to state printing, approved March 12, 1849.

In all which the committee asked the concurrence of the House, and to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendments to the first named bill were concurred in, and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

When, on motion of Mr. Movius,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, March 6, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Messrs. Carpenter and Scott absent with leave, and Mr. Leach without leave.

Mr. Abbott asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Leach for an indefinite time.

Mr. Hayden asked and obtained leave of absence for an indefinite time for the Rev. Mr. Sapp on account of indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Quackenboss: of C. A. Stacy and 113 others, citizens of the northern part of Lenawee county, asking the passage of a law authorizing the Southern Rail Road Company to connect the Tecumseh branch of the Southern Rail Road with the Erie and Kalamazoo Rail Road at Palmyra.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Hussey: the remonstrance of Abner Dwelle and 20 other citizens of Kalamazoo county, against rescinding the resolutions passed by the last legislature instructing our members in Congress to use their votes and influence against the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States, and petition that our members in congress be re-instructed on the same subject.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Duncan: remonstrance of P. Geddes, Caleb Eldred and 44 other citizens of Kalamazoo county, against repealing joint resolutions, No. 4, respecting the territories of the United States, approved Jan. 13, 1849; also, joint resolutions, No. 38, respecting slavery

and the slave trade in the District of Columbia, and request said resolutions to be re-enacted at the present session of the Legislature.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Bonham: the memorial of M. P. Thureton and 25 others, protesting against rescinding the resolutions of the last legislature of this state, instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to sustain the Wilnot proviso in all their legislation respecting the territories of California, New Mexico and Deseret.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill to organize a certain township, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

W. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Decatur and St. Joseph Plank Road Company, and the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company, report the same back to the House, without action, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred a bill to reduce the price of University lands in the county of Oakland, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report

the same back to the House and recommend that the same do not pass and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said bill ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of H. G. Wells and others of Kalamazoo county, praying the passage of an act to amend the laws of 1845, relative to the construction of a certain state road, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a bill to carry out the wishes of the said petitioners, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Martin, from the committee on internal improvement, submitted the following report:

The committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the laying out and establishing a certain state road, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

M. B. MARTIN, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, referred to the committee of the whole, ordered printed and placed on the general order.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Movius, from the select committee to whom was referred the claim of Jonathan Kearsley, and the several documents relating thereto, submitted a report in writing upon the matter of said claim, accompanied by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the claim of Major Kearsley, above mentioned, is one that should not be entertained by either the Regents or the people, being against the uniform practice

of the Board of Regents and out of all proportion to the services rendered by the claimant.

Resolved, That the Regents are respectfully requested to revoke the bond of submission or resolution under which the claim was submitted to the referees, leaving the claimant to what he may consider his legal rights, if he has any in the matter; thus giving to the people an opportunity of seeing and knowing how and for what purposes the sacred fund against which this claim is sought to be enforced, is to be hereafter applied, that they knowing their rights may be prepared to guard and defend them.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said report and resolutions,

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

Ordered laid over one day.

Mr. Strowbridge, from the select committee to whom was referred a memorial relative to the adulteration of drugs and medicines, submitted the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Doctors Fairbanks and others, members of the Genesee County Medical Society, have had the same under consideration, and in view of the facts set forth in the petition, and being of the opinion that there are many drugs and medicines sold by our druggists and dealers in drugs, that not only endanger the reputation and success of the physician, but at times the lives of his patients; and further believing that the United States law, approved June 26, 1848, entitled an act to prevent the importation of adulterated and spurious drugs and medicines, has thereby secured to our druggists and dealers an eastern market where they can rely upon the virtue and purity of the drugs and medicines they may there purchase, unless they choose to procure an inferior article; and believing that the seller in all cases ought to be justly held responsible for all damages accruing to the buyer on account of the article bought not being equal in value to the standard for which it was sold; in view of all of these facts, of the danger to health and life; of the injury to the physician and the great fraud practised upon community, a majority of your committee have instructed me to report the accompanying

bill to amend chapter 149 of the revised statutes of 1846, and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the matter.

OLIVER P. STROWBRIDGE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The following message was received from the Governor, by the hands of Horace S. Roberts, Esq., his Private Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,)
Lansing, March 5, 1850. }

To the Senate:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Plymouth Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Fentonville Plank Road Company;

An act to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mt. Clemens to convey certain real estate; and

An act to authorize the common councils of the villages of Marshall and Adrian to discontinue certain streets within the limits of the corporations.

JNO. S. BARRY.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Spencer offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Unnecessary delay in the final passage of the bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding a convention to revise the Constitution, will defeat the will and decision of this House, repeatedly expressed, relative to holding said election on the 1st Monday of April next; therefore

Resolved, That the committee of conference appointed by this House, relative to the disagreement of the Senate and House, upon said convention bill, be instructed to report the result of their conference to-morrow.

Which, after debate thereon by several members, was,

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

Laid on the table.

Mr. Axford offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all bills on the general order now before this House for the purpose of organizing or altering townships, be made the special order of the day for Friday next.

Adopted.

Mr. Fowle, on leave, pursuant to previous notice introduced a bill for the relief of the several school districts in the township of Camden in Hillsdale county, and asked its reference to the committee on education.

It was so referred

Mr. Quackenboss offered the following joint resolutions:

Joint Resolutions relative to the distribution of the Session Laws, Journals and Documents of the Legislature for the year eighteen hundred and fifty.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan,

That the officers and members of the present Legislature be and they are hereby entitled each to one copy of the session laws passed in the year 1850; also the journals and documents of the Legislature of said year; and the Secretary of State be and is hereby required to forward one copy of each to the several officers and members of this Legislature by forwarding the same to the county clerks of the several counties of this state in which the officers or members reside, so soon as the same may be printed, bound and ready for delivery.

Resolved, That this resolution shall be in force from and after its passage.

Ordered laid over one day under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The petition of Mrs. Euphemia Hubbard and 63 other ladies of Macomb county, asking the passage of House bill No. 40, relative to license laws and the sale of spirituous liquors, was taken from the table and referred to the select committee on the license laws.

Mr. Movius introduced joint resolution relative to the claim of A. Kaminsky.

Ordered laid over one day, under the rule.

Mr. Colvin, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a

bill to incorporate the Union City and Fremont Plank Road Company.

Read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kellogg gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 83 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Britain, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to convey certain land.

Referred to the select committee, consisting of Messrs. Quackenboss, Clarke and Britain.

● Mr. McCarty, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to organize the county of Midland, and asked its reference to the committee of towns and counties.

It was read a first and second time and so referred.

Mr. McCarty gave notice that he would on to-morrow, or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to organize a certain township in the county of Saginaw.

BILLS FOR THIRD READING,

The House having reached the order of third reading of bills, the following entitled bills were read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill to authorize George M. Fifield to convey certain real estate, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hudson,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker, 41

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Cartter,

Mr. Hayden,
Hooker,

N. Pierce,
Sedgwick,

Clarke,
Dennis,

Hussey,
Norton,

Snow,
Strowbridge, 12

A bill to change the names of Louis Freudenthaler, Henry Freudenthaler, Aaron Freudenthaler and Samuel Freudenthaler;

A bill relative to certain non-resident highway taxes in the township of Delhi in the county of Ingham;

A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company in the county of Washtenaw, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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And the bill to incorporate the Clarkston Academical Institute, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,

Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,

Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Speaker announced that the House had arrived at the order of unfinished business.

Mr. Dennis moved that the House go into committee of the whole on the general order,

Which motion did not prevail.

The House then took up, under the order of unfinished business, the following bills reported back by the committee of the whole on yesterday, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company;

And the question being on the motion of Mr. Movius to strike out all after the enacting clause, the same was withdrawn; and no further amendments being offered thereto, the bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereof.

The question being on concurring in the amendments thereto made in committee of the whole, the same were concurred in.

Mr. Movius offered the following amendment:

Strike out in sec. 2, lines 1 and 2, the words "in said village exceeding one hundred dollars," and insert "in said corporation exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars."

Lost, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dox,
Hall,

Mr. Kenyon,
King,
Lester,
McCarty,
Montgomery,

Mr. Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Willson,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Price,
Sackett,

Britain,
Burrows,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Jones,
Kellogg,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,

Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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No further amendments being offered, the bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids Manufacturing Company.

The amendments of the committee of the whole were concurred in, and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to lay out and establish a state road from Almont, in the county of Lapeer, to Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair.

The same was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend chapter 27 of the revised statutes.

Ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to change the name of the township of Sheboygan, in the county of Michilimackinac.

Ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to vacate a part of the village of Mason, in the township of Coldwater, in the county of Branch.

Ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Joint resolution authorizing the Board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton.

Ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to repeal an act to incorporate the bank of St. Clair.

Ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to change the name of Ervine Eugene Bidler.

Ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings.

To which Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after "vacate" in the 3d line of the first section, and before the word "provided" in the fourth line, and insert "such

streets in said village as shall be designated and determined upon by the owners of lots in said village, or the owners of a majority of them."

Lost, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Clarke,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
King,
McCarty,
Moore,

Mr. Movius,
N. Pierce,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Street,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hooker,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Wilson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Clarke also offered the following amendment:

Add to the end of section 1, "and provided further, that the owners of lots adjoining said streets shall first give their consent in writing to such vacation, and cause such assent to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the proper county, before such vacation shall take effect."

Adopted.

And the bill as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

In section 1, line 3, after the word "say," insert "as follows." Before the word "non-residents," in line 9 of section 15, insert "residents," and "also."

Pnding which,

On motion of Mr. Snow,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session. $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The roll was called. Messrs. Carpenter, Leach and Scott absent with leave. Messrs. Barnes, Colvin, Fowle, Lester, Smith and Welles without leave.

Mr. Norton asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence for Mr. Smith on account of illness.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Quackenboss in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

A bill to incorporate the Mason and Jackson Plank Road Company; and,

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian Plank Road Company:

To both of which they had made amendments.

Also, without amendment,

A bill to incorporate the Mud Street Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the St. Clair Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Niles and State Line Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Centreville and Kalamazoo Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Romeo Plank Road Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Albion and Homer Plank Road Company;

In all which the committee asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, and the several amendments concurred in.

And the first named bill being under consideration,

Mr. Winchell offered the following amendment thereto:

Add after the word "Mason," in the second line of section 1, "and Ephraim B. Danforth of Lansing."

And the bill as amended was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The second named being under consideration,

Mr. Clarke moved to strike out section 2 of the bill.

Which did not prevail.

And the bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The third named being under consideration,

Mr. Kellogg moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The fourth named being under consideration, Mr. Movius moved to strike out sec. 4 of the bill.

Which prevailed.

Mr. Movius also offered the following amendment, to come in at the end of section 5:

"*Provided*, That after said thirty years, no alteration or reduction of the tolls of said company shall be made during its existence, unless the yearly net profits of said company, over and above its expenses, shall exceed ten per cent. on the capital stock invested; provided there be no violation of the charter of said company."

Which was adopted.

And the bill as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The fifth named being under consideration, Mr. Kneeland offered the following amendment to stand as section 5:

"The provisions of an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848, shall be and are made a part of this act."

The sixth named, no amendments being offered thereto, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The seventh named being under consideration, Mr. Britain offered the following amendment to stand as sec. 6:

"Any person suffering damage from the insufficiency or bad condition of said road may recover the same before any justice of the peace or other court of competent jurisdiction."

Adopted.

And the bill as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The eighth named was, no amendment being offered thereto, ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The ninth named was,

On motion of Mr. Mead,

Ordered laid on the table.

The tenth and eleventh were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

By unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Movius gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill relative to the State Normal School.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The House adjourned:

Lansing, Thursday, March 7, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Leach and Scott absent with leave.

On motion of Mr. Axford,

The rule was suspended and the reading of the journal dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Kennedy: of Sylvester Walker and 179 others, citizens of the State of Michigan, asking that the name of Van Buren county may be changed.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Axford: of Peter Fagen and 52 other citizens of the townships of Groveland and Holley, praying that a certain road passing through those towns may be legalized.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill to organize the county of Midland, have had the same under consideration and have made an amendment thereto in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the special order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Kenyon, from the committee on state affairs, submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred the petition of certain citizens of the counties of Lenawee, Jackson and Hillsdale, relative to the reduction of the pay of members of the Legislature, respectfully report that in the opinion of your committee, the subject may very appropriately and justly be left to the consideration of the constitutional convention about to assemble. They therefore ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee on mines and minerals, reported a bill to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company; and recommended their passage and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, said bills read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of the several school districts in the township of Camden in Hillsdale county, respectfully report, that they have considered the same, and find that the sickness of the county clerk in said county was probably the reason which renders it necessary that said school districts should apply for the relief asked for in this bill; and under

the circumstances, your committee are of the opinion that the bill should be passed; and they ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred House bill to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent, approved March 31, 1848, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill was read a first and second time, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

And the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Henry C. Smith and others, praying an alteration in a state road in the township of Plainfield, county of Kent, have considered the same, and have directed their chairman to report a bill to authorize the commissioners of highways in said township to make alterations that may be necessary, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Clarke moved a suspension of the rules, and that the bill for the relief of the several school districts in the township of Camden in the county of Hillsdale be now read a third time.

Which motion prevailed.

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hayden, from the select committee to whom was referred the claim of Jonathan Kearsley, submitted a minority report in relation to said claim, accompanied by a resolution.

On motion of Mr. Snow,

The resolution and report were laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. Sedgwick, by unanimous consent, introduced resolutions as substitutes for the resolutions reported by the majority and minority of the committee on the claim of Jonathan Kearsley.

Ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Quackenboss submitted the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to authorize George H. Murdock to convey real estate, have had the same under consideration, and report the bill back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The same committee have also had under consideration a bill for the relief of Orson R. Willard, and report the same back to the House without action, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bills were severally referred to the committee of the whole, ordered printed, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 6, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to inform you that the Senate adhere to their disagreement upon “a bill to amend section 42 of chapter 12, title 3, of the revised statutes, and have appointed Senators Riley, Roof and Baxter a committee of conference on the part of the Senate thereon, and respectfully ask the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Britain,

A committee of three was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House to confer with the committee appointed by the Senate on the disagreement between the two houses on said bill.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Britain, Clarke and Martin such committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 5th, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return herewith the following entitled bills, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein:

1. A bill to establish highways in the township of Hartland in the county of Livingston;
2. A bill to attach a part of the township of Bertrand in the county of Berrien, to the township of Niles; and
3. A bill to unite the townships of Tyler and Eaton Rapids in the county of Eaton, with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

Also to return herewith the following entitled bill in which the Senate have concurred with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

4. A bill to amend act No. 53 of the session laws of 1846, and for other purposes.

Also to return herewith the following entitled bills and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have, by a two-thirds vote, concurred therein:

5. A bill to incorporate the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Plank Road Company;
6. A bill to incorporate the Breedsville and South Haven Plank Road Company;
7. A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company.

The last named bill with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to transmit herewith the following entitled bills:

8. A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company;

9. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Genesee Plank Road Company;

10. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Saline Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1848;

11. A bill to incorporate the Erin and Mt. Clemens Plank Road Company;

12. A bill to incorporate the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company;

13. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and the acts amendatory thereto;

14. A bill to provide for procuring a block of Michigan native copper for the Washington National Monument; and

15. A bill for altering a certain road in the county of Jackson.

And to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same, except the two last named, by a two-thirds and those two by a majority vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The 1st and 2d named bills were ordered enrolled.

The amendments to the 3d and 4th were concurred in, and the same as amended were ordered enrolled.

The 5th and 7th were ordered enrolled.

The amendments to the 6th named were concurred in, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,

Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,

Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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And the same as amended was ordered enrolled.

When, by unanimous consent, Mr. Cartter, from the committee of conference on the part of the House to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the disagreement between the two houses on the bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution and for the election of delegates thereto, submitted the following report:

'The committee of conference on the disagreement between the two houses on the bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the House concur in the Senate amendments disagreed to, and also recommend to the two houses the following amendments:

Insert in line 7, section 5, between the word "the" and the word "Secretaries," the word "President." Also, insert in line 5 of section 3, after the word "judicial," the words, "or that may be attached for representative."

To all of which the committee respectfully ask the concurrence of the two houses, and that the committee be discharged.

H. CARTTER, *Ch'n House Com.*

WM. FINLEY, *Ch'n Senate Com.*

Mr. Clarke raised a point of order upon that part of the report of the committee recommending amendments to such parts of the bill as had been previously agreed to by both Houses, and asked the decision of the chair whether such amendments were in order.

The Speaker decided they were in order.

From this decision, Mr. Clarke appealed.

Mr. Morton moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

And the question being taken on the appeal, after some debate thereon, the decision of the chair was sustained by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Kennedy,

Mr. Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Lester,
Norton,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,

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Mr. Dennis not voting when his name was called, Mr. Morton moved that he be excused.

And after some debate, the House refused to excuse him.

The name of Mr. Dennis was then called, when he voted in the negative.

The question then being on concurring in the report of the committee,

Mr. Britain called for a division of the question.

Which the Speaker decided not in order.

From which decision Mr. Britain appealed.

And the question being on the appeal, the decision of the chair was sustained by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,

Movins,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hall,
Hayden,

Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,

Quackenboss,
Sacket,
Stockton,
Welles,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barnes,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Lester,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

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The question then recurring on the concurrence of the House in the report of the committee of conference,

Mr. Clarke called for the yeas and nays.

Pending which,

Mr. Quackenboss moved a call of the House. Call ordered.

The roll was called. Messrs. Carpenter and Leach absent with leave, and Mr. Dennis without leave.

Mr. Hall moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with.

Which motion did not prevail.

The Sergeant-at-arms was then dispatched to procure the attendance of Mr. Dennis.

Mr. Dennis soon after appearing at the bar of the House, was permitted to render his excuse, and was excused.

The question was then taken on concurring in the report of the committee of the whole, and the same was concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,

Mr. Irvine,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Stockton,

Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,

Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,

Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Lester,
Norton,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,

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Mr. Price not voting when his name was called,

Mr. Bonham moved that he be excused from voting;

But the House refused to excuse him.

And the name of Mr. Price being called a second time, he voted in the affirmative.

The House then resumed the consideration of the message from the Senate.

The eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth bills therein named, were referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The fourteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Irvine moved a suspension of the rules, in order to put the same on its final passage.

Which motion did not prevail.

It was referred to the committee on state affairs.

The fifteenth named was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 7, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill to incorporate the Marshall and Ionia Plank Road Company;

2. A bill for the relief of Daniel Munger; and

3. A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township of Ronald, in the county of Ionia, to alter a state road in said township; and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, the first named, by a two-thirds, and the two last by a majority vote.

Also, to transmit herewith,

4. A bill to provide for opening a state road from Marshall, in the county of Calhoun, to Lansing, in the county of Ingham; and

5. A bill to organize the county of Montcalm, which the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

The first, second and third named bills were ordered enrolled.

The fourth named was read a first and second time and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The fifth named was read a first and second time and ordered placed on the special order for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Snow,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The members all present except those absent on leave.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Spencer in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

A bill to encourage emigration, to which they had made no amendment; and

A bill to vacate the county seat of the county of Shiawassee and to relocate the same, to which they had amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein and to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Dennis;

By consent of the House, the report and resolutions of the majority of the select committee on the claim of Jonathan Kearsley were ordered printed.

The unanimous consent of the House was asked and obtained to amend enrolled bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter 25 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out, altering or discontinuing highways, approved March 18, 1848, by striking out "or," in the last line but one of section 1, and inserting "on."

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, March 8, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. The members all present, except those absent on leave.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

The journal was approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Jones: the remonstrance and protest of Jerome M. Treadwell and 156 others, citizens of Jackson county, against rescinding the joint resolutions passed at the last session of the Legislature instructing our Senators and requesting our representatives in Congress to vote in favor of extending the provisions of the Ordinance of 1787 over all territories of the United States. Also, the said remonstrants respectfully ask that the said instructions and request be repeated until all danger of the increase of the area of human slavery shall be removed.

Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Kneeland: the petition of F. C. Whipple, judge of probate of the county of Livingston, for the passage of an act to authorize him to transcribe certain records.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Abbott: of 46 citizens of Flint asking for an amendment to the charter of the Genesee Plank Road Company.

Also, the remonstrance of 152 citizens of Grand Blanc against increasing the powers of the Genesee Plank Road Company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Leach: of Cuming Sanborn and 102 others, citizens of Port Huron, asking the repeal of all laws that authorize the selling of spirituous liquors, and the passage of a law prohibiting the same.

Referred to the select committee on the license laws.

By Mr. Mead: of D. C. Fuller and 45 others, male inhabitants of the town of Adams, in the county of Hillsdale, and also of Jane Kempton and 25 other married ladies of said township, asking the passage of a law making it a state prison offence to sell intoxicating liquors for any other purpose than medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Referred to the select committee on the license laws.

Also: of W. W. Wood and 60 other tax payers of Hillsdale county, asking for an amendment to the revised statutes of 1846 respecting the allowance of damages sustained by owners of land through which highways are laid.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred House bill to exempt property from highway taxes on the line of plank roads in certain cases, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of your committee have instructed their chairman to report the same back without amendment and to recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. King moved that the bill be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Hayden called for a division of the question; which was ordered.

And the question being taken on laying on the table,

The same prevailed.

The question was then taken on the motion to print,

And the same did not prevail.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report :

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the following bills:

A bill to incorporate the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Saline Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Eria and Mt. Clemens Plank Road Company;

Report them back to the House, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills severally read twice, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred House bill to amend an act to provide for a special road tax, approved 17th March 1847. have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred petitions and remonstrances for and against the passage of a law to appropriate certain highway taxes on a certain road in the county of Ionia, have had the same under consideration, and have directed their chairman to report adverse to granting the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

And the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of James Turner and other citizens of the county of Ingham, praying the passage of an act to authorize the supervisors of townships to subscribe for stock in plank roads by virtue of their office, in the name of the township which they represent as such supervisor, in certain cases, have had the same under consideration, and after full and careful deliberation are of the opinion that it is not proper business for either townships, counties or states to invest money in, when they have no way to raise money except by a direct tax. It is the opinion of your committee that such business should be left to individuals that may wish to engage in it. Your committee are of the opinion that the right or power of the majority to levy and collect taxes from the minority, is limited to the actual necessity of supporting our government, and that we have no right to collect taxes for such proposed purposes without unanimous consent. Therefore your committee report adverse to granting the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Jane Kellogg and Edwin Kellogg to convey certain real estate, and a bill to authorize Nathaniel A. Balch, administrator, to sell real estate belonging to the estate of Walter Clark, deceased, beg leave to report the same back to the House and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to repeal act No. 53 of session laws of 1846, and for other purposes;

A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township

of Ronald in the county of Ionia to alter a state road in said township;

A bill for the relief of Daniel Munger;

A bill to unite the township of Tyler and Eaton Rapids in the county of Eaton;

A bill to incorporate the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Plank Road Company;

A bill to attach a part of the township of Bertrand in the county of Berrien to the township of Niles; and

A bill to establish highways in the township of Hartland in the county of Livingston.

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Gidley, from the committee on state affairs, to whom was referred the petition of certain citizens of the county of Ingham for a law to prevent the killing of deer during certain seasons of the year, report adverse to any legislative action in the premises, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Quackenboss submitted the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to authorize the Governor to convey certain land, have had the same under consideration and report the bill back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

D. G. QUACKENBOSS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, referred to the committee of the whole, ordered printed and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Clarke gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize school district No. 2 in the township of Holland in the county of Ottawa, to borrow money to build a school house.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same, approved April 19, 1839.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Stockton gave notice that on some future day, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to provide for the rights of married women in their own property.

Mr. Abbott, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to incorporate the Grand Blanc Plank Road Company.

Read a first and second time and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hussey introduced concurrent resolutions relative to the protection of our citizens against the demands of slaveholders or their agents, or their claims on the arrest or capture of fugitive slaves.

Mr. Axford moved that they be laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. Dennis called for a division of the question, which was ordered.

Mr. Spencer made a point of order whether under the 15th rule the resolutions would not necessarily lay over one day.

When Mr. Axford withdrew his motion.

Mr. Movius moved that the resolutions be referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Gidley made a point of order on the motion of Mr. Movius.

The Speaker decided the motion of Mr. Movius in order.

Mr. Dennis appealed from the decision.

After some debate, Mr. Dennis withdrew his appeal.

Mr. Quackenboss made the following point of order:

That the resolutions are not in order, notice not having been previously given.

The speaker decided the resolutions not in order; when they were withdrawn, and Mr. Hussey gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to protect our citizens against the demands of slaveholders or their agents, or their claims on the arrest or capture of fugitive slaves.

Mr. Gidley gave notice that he should on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize certain minors to convey real estate.

Mr. Movius, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a State normal school.

Read twice and referred to the committee on education.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The following joint resolutions relative to the distribution of the Session Laws, Journals and Documents of the Legislature for the year eighteen hundred and fifty, were taken up and adopted by the House, viz:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan,

That the officers and members of the present Legislature be and they are hereby entitled each to one copy of the session laws passed in the year 1850; also the journals and documents of the Legislature of said year; and the Secretary of State be and is hereby required to forward one copy of each to the several officers and members of this Legislature by forwarding the same to the county clerks of the several counties of this state in which the officers or members reside, so soon as the same may be printed, bound and ready for delivery.

Resolved, That this resolution shall be in force from and after its passage.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The bill in relation to moneys received for licenses in the county of Monroe was taken up from the table, and no amendments being offered, the same was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. McCarty, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to organize a certain township in the county of Saginaw, and asked its reference to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

Read a first and second time and referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having reached the order of bills for a third reading, the following entitled bills were taken up, read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings;

A bill to change the name of Ervin Eugene Bidler.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to repeal an act to incorporate the Bank of St. Clair, having been read a third time, was,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Ordered laid on the table.

The following was also read a third time and passed:

Joint resolution authorizing the Board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of Thomas B. W. Stockton.

And the following bills:

A bill to vacate a part of the village of Mason, in the township of Coldwater, in the county of Branch;

A bill to change the name of the township of Sheboygan, in the county of Michilimackinac;

A bill to amend chapter 27 of the revised statutes of the State of Michigan;

A bill to lay out and establish a State road from Almont, in the county of Lapeer, to Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair; and

A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids Manufacturing Company, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Price,
Axford,	Ives,	Quackenboss,
Barlow,	Kellogg,	Renwick,
Barnes,	Kennedy,	Roberts,
Beers,	Kenyon,	Root,
Britain,	King,	Sackett,
Burrows,	Leach,	Sedgwick,
Carter,	Lester,	Sloan,
Chamberlin,	Martin,	Smith,
Colvin,	McCarty,	Spencer,
Dennis,	Millspaugh,	Stockton,
Dox,	Montgomery,	Stowbridge,
Gidley,	Moore,	Welles,
Green,	Morton,	Willson,
Hall,	Movius,	Winchell,
Hayden,	Noyes,	Speaker,
Hussey,	J. B. Pierce,	50

NAYS:

Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Snow,
Fowle,	Mead,	Street,
Hooker,	N. Pierce,	5

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereof, was read a third time, put on its final passage and received the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Ives,
Kellogg,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Hall,

Mr. Irvine,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Mead,
Morton,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Root,
Smith,
Snow,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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The Speaker decided the bill lost, it not having received the constitutional majority.

The following bills were also read a third time and passed:

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Scott,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS

Mr. Axford,
Rennes

Mr. Cartier,
Dor

Mr. Hooker,
Millersburg

Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,

Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Britain,

Mr. Norton,

2

A bill to incorporate the Centerville and Kalamazoo Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Noyes,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Britain,

Mr. Norton,

Mr. Sloan,

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A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Clair Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hayden,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Morton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,

Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,

Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 48

NAYS:

Mr. Britain,

Mr. Norton,

Mr. Sloan, 3

A bill to incorporate the Romeo Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Speaker, 49

NAYS:

Mr. Sloan, 1

A bill to incorporate the Mud Street Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lerch,
Martin,
McCarty,
Meed,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Noyes,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker, 52

NAYS:

Mr. Britain, Mr. Norton, Mr. Sloan, 3

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Price,	
Axford,	Ives,	Quackenboss,	
Barlow,	Jones,	Renwick,	
Barnes,	Kellogg,	Roberts,	
Beers,	Kennedy,	Root,	
Burrows,	Kenyon,	Sackett,	
Cartter,	King,	Sedgwick,	
Chamberlain,	Kneeland,	Smith,	
Colvin,	Leach,	Snow,	
Dennis,	Lester,	Spencer,	
Duncan,	Martin,	Stockton,	
Fowle,	Millspaugh,	Street,	
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Strowbridge,	
Green,	Moore,	Welles,	
Hayden,	Movius,	Willson,	
Hooker,	Noyes,	Winchell,	
Hudson,	J. B. Pierce,	Speaker,	
Hussey,	N. Pierce,		53

NAYS.

Mr. Britain, Mr. Sloan, 2

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. Movius,	
Barlow,	Irvine,	Noyes,	
Barnes,	Ives,	J. B. Pierce,	
Beers,	Jones,	N. Pierce,	
Burrows,	Kellogg,	Price,	
Cartter,	Kennedy,	Quackenboss,	
Chamberlin,	Kenyon,	Renwick,	
Colvin,	King,	Roberts,	
Clarke,	Kneeland,	Root,	
Dennis,	Leach,	Sackett,	
Dox,	Lester,	Sedgwick,	
Duncan,	Martin,	Smith,	
Fowle,	McCarty,	Snow,	
Gidley,	Mead,	Spencer,	
Green,	Millspaugh,	Stockton,	
Hall,	Montgomery,	Street,	
Hayden,	Moore,	Strowbridge,	
Hooker,	Morton,	Speaker,	54

NAYS.

Mr. Britain,

Mr. Norton,

Mr. Sloan,

3

A bill to incorporate the Niles and State Line Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,

Mr. Ives,

Mr. N. Pierce,

Beers,

Jones,

Price,

Burrows,

Kellogg,

Quackenbosa,

Cartter,

Kennedy,

Renwick,

Chamberlain,

Kenyon,

Roberts,

Colvin,

King,

Root,

Clarke,

Kneeland,

Sackett,

Dennis,

Leach,

Sedgwick,

Dox,

Lester,

Smith,

Duncan,

Martin,

Snow,

Fowle,

McCarty,

Spencer,

Gidley,

Mead,

Stockton,

Green,

Millsbaugh,

Street,

Hayden,

Montgomery,

Strowbridge,

Hooker,

Moore,

Welles,

Hudson,

Noyes,

Winchell,

Hussey,

J. B. Pierce,

Speaker,

Irvine,

52

NAYS:

Mr. Britain,

Mr. Sloan,

2

And a bill to incorporate the Mason and Jackson Plank Road Company, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,

Mr. Hussey,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,

Barow,

Irvine,

N. Pierce,

Beers,

Ives,

Price,

Burrows,

Jones,

Quackenboss,

Cartter,

Kellogg,

Renwick,

Chamberlin,

Kennedy,

Roberts,

Colvin,

Kenyon,

Root,

Dennis,

Kneeland,

Sedgwick,

Dox,

Leach,

Snow,

Duncan,

Lester,

Spencer,

Fowle,

Martin,

Stockton,

Gidley,

McCarty,

Strowbridge,

Green,

Millsbaugh,

Welles,

Hall,

Moore,

Winchell,

Hayden,

Movius,

Speaker,

Hooker,

Noyes,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bonham,

Mr. Britain,

Mr. Montgomery,

3

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, took up the bill to encourage emigration.

And the question being on its engrossment for a third reading,

Mr. Spencer offered the following amendment, to stand as section 2, viz:

“Sec. 2. That on and after the first Monday of May next, the said Commissioner shall transmit to the Governor of this State monthly statements, exhibiting, as far as may be pertinent, in detail, the operations and success of such Commissioner. And shall also report generally to the next Legislature, on or before the second Monday of January next.”

Adopted.

Mr. Otis offered the following amendment:

Add at the end of section one the following:

“And the Governor shall appoint one Commissioner from each county in this State, to act with the aforesaid Commissioner, and to be paid and allowed the same for expenses and services; and said Commissioners so appointed shall reside where they may severally be directed by the Governor.”

Pending which,

Mr. Cartter moved that the House adjourn, which did not prevail by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Kneeland,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Smith,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

23

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,

Mr. Movius,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,

Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hussey,

Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Stockton,
Wilson,
Speaker,

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Mr. Cartter then offered the following amendment to the amendment of Mr. Otis, viz:

Add at the end of the amendment: "and such agents shall be selected from persons of different nations."

Which was accepted by Mr. Otis:

And the question being taken on the amendment as amended, the same was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Hooker,

Mr. Morton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Sloan,
Welles,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Cartter moved that the House adjourn, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Quackenboss moved that the bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Pending which,

Mr. Otis moved a call of the House.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Cartter moved that the House do now adjourn.

But the House refused to adjourn, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Millspaugh,
Norton,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Smith,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,,
Hall,
Hussey,

Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson,
Speaker,

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• Mr. Clarke moved the previous question.

Mr. Hudson moved to lay Mr. Clarke's motion on the table.

Mr. Quackenboss made a point of order, as to whether the previous question did not take precedence of every other motion.

The Speaker decided that it did.

Mr. Carter appealed from the decision of the chair.

Mr. Burrows moved that the House adjourn.

The Speaker decided the motion not in order.

And the question being on Mr. Carter's appeal,

Mr. Clarke moved to lay the same on the table.

Pending which,

Mr. Carter withdrew the appeal.

And the question recurring on Mr. Clarke's motion for the previous question, Mr. Clarke withdrew it.

And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Quackenboss to engross for a third reading, Mr. Quackenboss withdrew it.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The House adjourned.

*Afternoon Session.**½ past two o'clock.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave and Mr. Leach absent without leave.

The House then resumed the consideration of the order of unfinished business.

And the bill to encourage immigration being taken up for consideration, Mr. Stockton moved that it be engrossed for a third reading.

After considerable debate, the question was taken on Mr. Stockton's motion, and the same prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. Morton,
Movius,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Dox,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Ives,
Kneeland,
Millspough,
Moore,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,

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The House also had under consideration, under the order of unfinished business, a bill to repeal act No. 39 of the session laws of 1849.

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Gidley,

It was laid on the table.

Also a bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes.

Mr. Green moved that it be indefinitely postponed.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

The same was ordered laid on the table.

And also, a bill to provide for letting the State printing to contract, and to repeal act number 74 in the session laws of 1849, entitled an act relative to State printing, approved March 12, 1849.

The question being on its engrossment for a third reading,

Mr. Noyes offered the following amendments:

Strike out "1851," and insert the word "next," in second line of section 1.

Also, strike out "1852," and insert the word "next," in last line of section 5.

Mr. Kellogg moved to indefinitely postpone.

And after some debate,

Mr. Hudson moved that the House adjourn.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Carter,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hudson,

Mr. Irvine,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Lester,
Martin,
Montgomery,
J. B. Pierce,

Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Root,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,

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And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Kellogg,

Mr. Kennedy moved that the bill be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed: when

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, March 9, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Mr. Montgomery absent without leave.
Messrs. Carpenter and Scott with leave.

Mr. Norton asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Montgomery.

On motion of Mr. Snow,

The rule was suspended and the reading of the journal dispensed with.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Leach: of Mrs. H. King and 44 others, ladies of Genesee county, asking the passage of House bill No. 40; also of C. S. Marvin and 69 others, tax payers of Genesee county, for the same purpose.

Referred to the select committee on the license laws.

By Mr. Dox: of George Robertson and 199 others, remonstrating against the repeal of act No. 192 of 1849, relating to the Pontiac and Grand River Road.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Abbott: the petition of 42 citizens of Grand Blanc, asking the passage of a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Shoemaker, providing for an amendment to the charter of the Genesee Plank Road Company.

Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred a bill to consolidate the laws relative to the establishment of a State Normal School, respectfully report that they have considered the same, and

have directed me to report the same back, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill, on Mr. Clarke's motion, ordered laid on the table.

Also the following:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of N. C. Parkhurst and many others, ladies and gentlemen of Pontiac, praying for an appropriation of one thousand dollars, (in money or land) from the University fund, for the benefit of the Oakland Female Seminary; and the petition of Harris Stillson and others of Oakland county, asking for a similar grant for the benefit of the Clarkston Academical Institute, respectfully report that the Legislature has no power, in the opinion of your committee, to make such grants out of the University fund. The interest of the state in this fund, or the lands out of which it is created, is only that of a trustee; and by the terms of the trust, the state is obliged to apply them to the purpose for which they were granted by the general government, namely, the maintenance of the University. From this object the state has no power, legal or equitable, to divert them. It is therefore impossible to grant the prayer of the petitioners; and your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Kenyon, from the committee on state affairs, submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred the bill to provide for procuring a block of Michigan native copper for the Washington National Mounment, respectfully report the same back to the House and recommend its passage.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill to organize certain townships, have had

the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, and placed on the special order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to incorporate the Breedsville and South Haven Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Marshall and Ionia Plank Road Company.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

Also as correctly engrossed,

A bill to encourage emigration, and

A bill in relation to moneys received for licenses in the county of Monroe.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 7, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the report of the joint committee of conference of the two Houses upon a bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto, as follows: that the House concur in the Senate amendments disagreed to, and also insert in line seven, section five, between the word "the," and the word "secretaries," the word "president:" also, insert in line five of section three, after the word "judicial," the words "or may be attached for representative."

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Stockton gave notice that he would on some future day ask

leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Frederick and Utica Plank Road Company, approved March 30, 1849, No. 207.

Mr. Root moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday, taken on the final passage of the bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereof.

Which motion prevailed.

A reconsideration of said bill was ordered, and said bill,

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Roberts introduced joint resolutions in relation to the Union.

Ordered laid over one day under the rule.

Mr. Clarke submitted the following protest:

The undersigned, against the vote by which the House agreed to the report of the committee of conference upon the disagreements between the two Houses relative to the bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the convention to revise the constitution, and for the election of delegates thereto, HEREBY PROTEST; and for the following reasons:

1. The report of the committee recommends an amendment to section 5 of the bill, the effect of which may be to increase the pay of the President of the convention, which section having been agreed to by both Houses, the action of the committee upon it was an assumption of power not conferred by their appointment, unwise in its object, and contrary to the expressed will of both houses.

2. The vote of the House agreeing to the report of the committee recommending that the election for delegates to the convention be held on the first Monday of May instead of at the township meetings, devolves on the people not only the expense of a special election, but compels them to devote a day unnecessarily to this election, at an exceedingly busy season of the year, or as the alternative, to lose their voice in the important interests involved in that election; and thus compels them to a choice of evils, which by early and prompt action might have been wholly avoided, and which the undersigned from first to last endeavored to promote.

For these reasons the undersigned dissent from the action of the

House, and claim their constitutional right to have them entered on the journal.

HOVEY K. CLARKE,
GROVE SPENCER,
TOWNSEND E. GIDLEY,
NATHAN PIERCE,
GEO. SEDGWICK,
DANIEL D. SLOAN,
JOHN RENWICK,
JOSHUA K. ABBOTT,
DEWITT C. LEACH,
ERASTUS HUSSEY,

EDWIN KELLOGG,
C. P. HOOKER,
E. L. JONES,
ROLAND ROOT,
G. S. LESTER,
H. CHAMBERLIN,
JAMES FOWLE,
NOAH K. GREEN,
DELAMORE DUNCAN,
FRIEND IVES.

The foregoing was ordered entered on the journal of the House.

Mr. Snow gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill authorizing Adaline, Sarah Ann, James, George and Silas Whitaker, minors, to convey certain real estate.

Mr. Hussey, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to protect our citizens against the demands of slaveholders or their agents on their claims for the arrest or capture of fugitive slaves, and asked that it be referred to a select committee of three.

It was ordered so referred by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Morton,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Willson,
Winchell,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dox,
Hooker,

Mr. Kneeland,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Stockton,
Street,

Jves,
Kenyon,

Movius,
Otis,

Welles,
Speaker, 21

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Snow, Stockton, and Hussey as such committee.

Mr. Morton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire whether any money has been paid to the State Treasurer from sales of reports of the Supreme Court, and what further provision of law is necessary, if any, to insure the payment of the funds of the same.

Adopted.

Mr. Irvine introduced preamble and joint resolutions relative to the construction of a road from Saginaw to Michilimackinac and the Saut de Ste Marie.

Ordered laid over one day under the rule.

Mr. Movius gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate certain alleys in the village of Ypsilanti.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, and the House went into committee of the whole on the special order, being the organization of townships,

Mr. Sedgwick in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose and reported back to the House the following bills:

1. A bill to organize the township of Alpine in the county of Allegan, and to attach a part of township 8 north, range 7 east, in the county of Genesee, to the township of Genesee in said county;
2. A bill to incorporate the village of St. Clair;
3. A bill to organize the township of Charleston;
4. A bill to organize certain townships in the county of Chippewa;
5. A bill to vacate the village plat of Royalton in Berrien county;
6. A bill to organize a certain township;
7. A bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes;
8. A bill to organize a certain township;
9. A bill to repeal sec. 4, of act No. 104, of the session laws of

1849; also to repeal act No. 256 of the session laws of 1849, approved April 2, 1849;

10. A bill to vacate the plat of Biddle City, in the county of Ingham;

11. A bill to organize the county of Midland; and

12. A bill to organize the county of Montcalm;

To which they had made some amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and to be discharged from further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the several amendments to said bills concurred in.

Mr. Hall offered the following amendment to the amendment to sec. 1, made in committee of the whole to the sixth named bill, viz: strike out the word "John," and insert "Samuel."

Adopted.

Mr. Mead offered the following amendment to the seventh named bill:

"Amend the bill by striking out section 7."

Which was not adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Burrows,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,	
Cartter,	King,	Sacket,	
Clarke,	Mead,	Winchell,	9

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hooker,	Mr. Otis,	
Axford,	Hudson,	N. Pierce,	
Barlow,	Hussey,	Price,	
Barnes,	Ives,	Quackenboss,	
Beers,	Jones,	Renwick,	
Bonham,	Kellogg,	Root,	
Britain,	Kenyon,	Sedgwick,	
Chamberlin,	Kneeland,	Smith,	
Dennis,	Leach,	Snow,	
Dox,	Lester,	Spencer,	
Fowle,	Martin,	Stockton,	
Gidley,	McCarty,	Street,	
Green,	Millspaugh,	Welles,	
Hall,	Moore,	Willson,	
Hayden,	Norton,	Speaker,	45

Mr. J. B. Pierce offered the following amendment:

Strike out Brooklyn in line 5, sec. 9.

Adopted.

And, on motion of Mr. McCarty,

The blank was filled with the word "Buena Vista."

On motion of Mr. Gidley, the several bills reported back by the committee of the whole as above for the organization of townships, being the ten first named, were referred to the committee on engrossment.

On motion of Mr. Axford,

The two last named, the bill to organize the county of Midland and the bill to organize the county of Montcalm, were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Mead moved to take from the table House bill No. 118, and place the same on the order of unfinished business.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the the Convention to revise the Constitution and for the election of delegates thereto.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having arrived at the order of bills for a third reading, the following entitled bills were taken up, read a third time and passed:

A bill in relation to moneys received for licenses in the county of Monroe, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
McCarty,
Mead,
Morton,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Sacket,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

NAYS:

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Carter,
Colvin,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hooker,
Irvine,
Kenyon,
Lester,
Martin,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Movius,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Smith,

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And a bill to encourage emigration, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Peers,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Mead,
Morton,
Movius,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Dox,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Ives,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

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The House then took up under the order of unfinished business, joint resolutions relative to grants of land by the Congress of the United States to the officers serving in the United States army during the last war with Great Britain.

And the same being under consideration,

Mr. Hayden, by unanimous consent, withdrew the amendment offered by himself on the 5th inst.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Strike out of 1st resolution, "serving in the army of," and insert "serving in the military defence of."

Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,

Mr. Ke'logg,
Millspaugh,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Mead,
Moore,
Movius,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Britain offered the following amendment to resolution 1:

Strike out "or their representatives" and insert "or to their widows." Lost.

And the question being taken on the adoption of the resolution,
The same was adopted.

Mr. Clarke moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. J. B. Pierce offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this house adjourns it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. on Monday next.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Jones,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,

Mr. Price,
Renwick,

Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Green,
Hussey,
Ives,

King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,

Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Spencer,
Willson,

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When, on motion of Mr. Morton,
The House adjourned.

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Afternoon Session.

½ past 2 o'clock.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The roll was called. Messrs. Irvine, Montgomery and Winchell absent without leave.

Mr. Stockton asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Montgomery for the day.

Mr. Noyes for Mr. Winchell for an indefinite time.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Wilson in the chair,

And after some time spent thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill authorizing a connection between the Detroit and Pontiac and Oakland and Ottawa Rail Roads, and for other purposes;

2. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of Detroit, approved March 19, 1845; and

3. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, to all which they had made amendments.

Also, without amendment:

4. A bill to modify an act to incorporate the Quincy Mining Company, approved March 30, 1848;

5. A bill to amend an act to authorize the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to lay out and construct a certain plank road, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849;

6. Joint resolution relative to the construction of a plank road through section sixteen in the village of Lansing;

7. Joint resolution relative to a donation of land for an Agricultural School;

8. A bill to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Maries Canal Company, and to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Maries Canal Company, approved March 4, 1848; and

9. A bill providing for the punishment of persons in possession of stolen property in this State, having stolen the same in another State, and for the punishment of receivers of stolen property in certain cases.

In all which they asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Wells moved that the House adjourn.

Which did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Sloan,	
Britain,	Otis,	Smith,	
Fowle,	Price,	Street,	
Hall,	Renwick,	Strowbridge,	
Hayden,	Roberts,	Welles,	
King,	Sackett,	Willson,	18

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. McCarty,	
Axford,	Hudson,	Mead,	
Barnes,	Hussey,	Millsbaugh,	
Beers,	Ives,	Morton,	
Bonham,	Jones,	Noyes,	
Burrows,	Kellogg,	J. B. Pierce,	
Cartter,	Kennedy,	N. Pierce,	
Clarke,	Kenyon,	Quackenboss,	
Dennis,	Kneeland,	Sedgwick,	
Dox,	Leach,	Spencer,	
Duncan,	Lester,	Stockton,	
Gidley,	Martin,	Speaker,	36

And the first named bill being under consideration, the amendments were concurred in.

Mr. Otis moved that the same be laid on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Otis offered the following amendment:

Amend section 2, in line 2, by inserting after the word "within," the words "or without." Adopted.

Mr. Sedgwick moved to strike out the words, "or notes," in line 6 in sec. 3. Adopted.

Mr. Otis offered the following amendment:

Insert at the end of sec. 2, "*Provided*, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to allow said road to occupy any street otherwise than to cross streets." Lost.

Mr. Morton moved that the bill be now engrossed for a third reading.

Pending which,

Mr. Stockton moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be put on its final passage.

Pending which,

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strike out the proviso in the amendment of the committee of the whole, and insert the same at the end of sec. 3. Adopted.

The question was then taken on Mr. Stockton's motion,

And the same prevailed.

The bill was ordered to its third reading, was so read, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker.

Hudson,
Hussey,

J. B. Pierce,

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NAYS:

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On motion of Mr. Sloan,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, March 11, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Carpenter, Scott and Winchell, absent with leave; Messrs. Hooker and Morton without leave.

Mr. Stockton asked and obtained leave of absence for the day for Mr. Hooker on account of indisposition.

Mr. Barnes for Mr. Morton for the day.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Leach: of Mrs. Cynthia H. Abbott, Mrs. Harriet J. Fairbank, Miss Caroline A. Wilson and 129 others, ladies of Genesee county, praying the passage of House bill No. 40.

Ordered laid on the table.

By Mr. Britain: of Thomas T. Glenn and 96 others, for authority to establish in the village of Niles, in Berrien county, for children of color, a school similar to the one authorized in the city of Detroit by an act approved March 27, 1841.

Referred to the committee on education.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, to whom was referred the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, submitted a report in writing in relation thereto, accompanied by a bill to amend chapter 56 of the revised statutes of 1846, and a bill to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes of 1846; which said bills on Mr. Clarke's motion, were ordered laid on the table, and the report laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on federal relations, to whom was referred joint resolutions respecting the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States, submitted a report in relation thereto, in writing.

Report and resolutions ordered laid on the table and printed, on Mr. Gidley's motion.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of B. C. Hoyt, for the passage of a law by which his account with the State land office can be equitably settled, beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, without making any recommend in relation to the same, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill was read a first and second time, ordered printed, placed on the general order and referred to the committee of the whole.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend chapter 35 of revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of J. R. Baker and others from the passage of a law to vacate the south half of block number 6 in the village of Lawrence in the county of Van Buren, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on the the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of F. C. Whipple, judge of probate of Livingston county, have had the same under consideration, and report it back to the House, with a bill, the passage of which they recommend, and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

And also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act to provide for recording town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1849, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Peter Mory and others for relief for services rendered and money expended by order of Adjutant General John E. Schwarz, have had the same under consideration and directed their chairman to report the same back, accompanied by a bill.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of George Allen asking for relief, have investigated the whole affair, and ask leave to report a bill, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred petitions to alter a State road in the county of Jackson, have considered

the same and ask leave to bring in a bill, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from farther consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a petition praying that a certain portion of the village plat of Romeo, in the county of Macomb, might be vacated, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Also the following:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a petition of citizens of the county of Wayne, asking the passage of an act to organize a new county from said county, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on engrossment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to organize the county of Montcalm; and

A bill to organize the county of Midland.

Ordered placed on the order of bills for a third reading.

Mr. Snow submitted the following report:

The select committee, to whom was referred a bill to protect our citizens against the demands of slave-holders, or their agents, or their claims for the arrest or capture of fugitive slaves, respectfully report: That in the opinion of a majority of your committee, the bill referred is of that class and character which emphatically requires the examination of the committee on the judiciary, and your

committee therefore report the same back to the House, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration, that the same may be referred to the legitimate and proper committee of this House.

W. T. SNOW, Ch'n.

Mr. Clarke moved that the bill be referred back to the committee with instructions to call a meeting of the committee.

The speaker stated that the question would be on accepting the report of the committee.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hayden,	Mr. Otis,	
Axford,	Hudson,	J. B. Pierce,	
Barlow,	Ives,	Price,	
Barnes,	Jones,	Quackenboss,	
Beers,	Kellogg,	Roberts,	
Bonham,	Kennedy,	Root,	
Britain,	Kenyon,	Sacket,	
Burrows,	King,	Sedgwick,	
Cartter,	Kneeland,	Snow,	
Chamberlain,	Martin,	Spencer,	
Colvin,	McCarty,	Stockton,	
Dennis,	Mead,	Street,	
Dox,	Millspaugh,	Stowbridge,	
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Willson,	
Hall,	Moore,	Speaker,	45

NAYS:

Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Duncan,	Leach,	Renwick,	
Fowle,	Lester,		8

Mr. Dennis moved that the bill and report be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Norton,	
Beers,	Ives,	Noyes,	
Britain,	Kennedy,	Otis,	
Burrows,	Kenyon,	Price,	
Cartter,	Kneeland,	Roberts,	
Colvin,	Martin,	Sackett,	
Dennis,	Meed,	Snow,	
Dox,	Millspaugh,	Street,	
Hall,	Moore,	Speaker,	27

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,

Mr. Lester,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Strowbridge, 21

Mr. Stockton submitted the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred sundry petitions, touching the sale of spirituous liquors, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee have instructed me to report the accompanying bill to regulate licenses, and for other purposes, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

When Mr. Leach, from the same committee, submitted a minority report of said committee in writing; when Mr. Roberts, from the same committee, gave notice of his intention at some future day to introduce a report from the minority of the committee on that subject.

When, on motion of Mr. Dennis,

The bill and majority and minority reports of the select committee were ordered laid on the table and printed.

MESSAGES.

The following message was received from the Executive by the hands of his private Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 9, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to attach a part of the township of Bertrand in the county of Berrien, to the township of Niles;

An act for the relief of Daniel Munger;

An act to establish highways in the township of Hartland, in the county of Livingston; and

An act to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the

Convention to revise the Constitution and for the election of delegates thereto.

JNO. S. BARRY.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Roberts,

The joint resolutions relating to the Union, introduced by him on the 9th inst. were laid upon the table and ordered printed.

Mr. Snow, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize Adeline, Sarah Ann, James, George and Silas Whitaker, of the county of Oakland, to convey certain real estate.

Read a first and second time and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Stockton, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to amend the act to incorporate the Frederick and Utica Plank Road Company.

Read a first and second time and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Movius, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to vacate certain alleys in the village of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw.

Read a first and second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Movius,

Ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Martin gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate a portion of a certain street in the village of Owosso, in the county of Shiawassee.

Mr. Abbott gave notice that at some future day he should ask leave to introduce a bill.

Mr. Irvine moved that the preamble and joint resolutions introduced by him on the 9th inst., in relation to a road from Saginaw to Michilimackinac and Saut Ste Marie, be laid on the table and ordered printed.

Which motion prevailed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business, the bill to vacate the county seat of the county of Shiawassee, and to re-locate the same, was taken up,

And the question being on concurring in the amendment made in committee of the whole, which said amendment was to strike out all after the enacting clause, the same was concurred in, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
King,
Lester,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Snow,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Willson,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Speaker,

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Mr. Dennis offered an amendment, consisting of 6 sections, to stand after the enacting clause.

After considerable discussion thereon,

Mr. Sackett moved the indefinite postponement of the whole matter.

Which motion the chair decided not in order.

After further discussion,

The question was taken on Mr. Dennis' amendment, and the same was not adopted, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Dennis,
Hall,
Kellogg,

Mr. Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Norton,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Stowbridge,

Kennedy,
Kenyon,N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,Wells,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,Mr. Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,Mr. Millspaugh,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Stockton,
Willson,

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Mr. Movius moved that the enacting clause be indefinitely postponed.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House adjourned.

—
Afternoon Session.

½ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Messrs. Irvine and Leach absent without leave.

Mr. Hussey asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Leach for the day.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Burrows in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to amend act No. 188, session laws of 1849, entitled an act to provide for laying out a State road from Ohio, north to the village of Hudson, with a substitute therefore;

2. A bill to incorporate St. Mark's College at Grand Rapids, with amendments; and

3. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor, with amendments.

In all which they asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The substitute to the first named was adopted, and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

When Mr. Stockton moved a suspension of the rules in order to put the bill to organize the county of Montcalm on its final passage.

Which motion prevailed.

Said bill received its third reading and was passed by the House.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on engrossment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to incorporate the village of St. Clair, and

A bill to organize the county of Midland.

On motion of Mr. Snow,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, March 12, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The rule was suspended and the reading of the journal dispensed with.

The journal was approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Welles: the remonstrance of Joab Saxton and 11 others, against the passage of an act authorizing Thomas Curtis and Thomas Seeley to construct a race for mill purposes.

Ordered laid on the table.

By Mr. Montgomery: of Henry Robinson and others, asking an appropriation of the non-resident highway taxes on a certain state road.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Irvine: of sundry inhabitants of Michilimackinac county, praying for release from state tax.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Hussey: of Orange Butler, Erastus Ingersoll and five others, proprietors of Grand River City, in the county of Eaton, asking an act granting them liberty to vacate a part of said village.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Duncan: of S. H. Ward and 18 others of the county of Kalamazoo, asking that the non-resident highway taxes on certain sections of land in the town of Waukeshma, be laid out and expended on a certain road in said township.

Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Winchell: the remonstrance of P. W. Rolfe and 100 others, against the repeal of instructions to our Representatives in Congress on the subject of slavery.

Ordered laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hayden, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Railroad Company, submitted a report in relation thereto, in writing.

Odered, with the accompanying bill, laid on the table and printed, on motion of Mr. Movius.

Mr. Hayden, from the same committee, also submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and the acts amendatory thereto, and also a bill to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the Frederick and Utica Plank Road Company, have instructed me to report the same back and recommend their passage. And they have also instructed me to report back a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Genesee County Plank Company and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the first and second named bills were referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order, and the third named was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petitions and remonstrances for and against repealing act No. 158, session laws of 1849, relative to highway taxes on a state road in Van Buren county, have considered the same and report a bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Dennis, from the judiciary committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Sarah Ann Whitaker and others to convey real estate, beg leave to report the same back to the House, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred the petition of James Shepherd, guardian of Esther Ann Shepherd, for authority to sell real estate, have had the same under consideration, and report it back to the House with a bill and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 11, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith,

A bill relative to town plats, and to inform you that the Senate

have passed the same with a substitute in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The substitute, on Mr. Norton's motion, was concurred in, and the same ordered enrolled.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Hayden offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several plank road charters now pending before the House, shall be made the special order for this afternoon.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The joint resolutions offered yesterday by Mr. Roberts, were taken from the table and made the special order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Abbott, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to authorize the sale of University lands in the county of Oakland.

Referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Martin, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to vacate a portion of a certain street in the village of Owosso in Shiawassee county.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

One thousand copies of the joint resolutions in relation to the Union, were ordered printed for the use of this House, with the name of E. J. Roberts, the mover, attached.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having arrived at the order of bills for a third reading, the following entitled bills were taken up, read a third time and passed:

A bill to organize the county of Midland; and

A bill to incorporate the village of St. Clair, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspough,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Hudson, from the committee on engrossment, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes, and the same was ordered to its third reading, was so read, when Mr. Lester asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to change the name of the township of Dwight therein named to that of Lynn.

Mr. Axford asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to make sundry amendments.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Sedgwick,

Said bill was re-referred to the committee on engrossment, with instructions to re-engross.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House then took up under the order of unfinished business a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847, the several amendments to which, made in committee of the whole were severally concurred in, and the same as amended ordered enrolled.

A bill providing for the punishment of persons in possession of stolen property in this State, having stolen the same in another State, and for the punishment of receivers of stolen property in certain cases.

Ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of Detroit, approved March 19, 1845, and the question being on concurring in the amendment made thereto in committee of the whole, which amendment was as follows:

Insert at the end of sec. 1: "*Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to extend the capital stock of said association on the accumulation of their surplus capital beyond the sum of fifty thousand dollars as fixed in their original charter."

Pending which, Mr. Stockton offered the following amendment to said amendment:

Insert between the words "dollars" and "as," the words "in addition to the capital stock."

Which was adopted and the amendment as amended concurred in.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Add to sec. 1: "*Provided*, That the real estate which said company may hold shall be only such as shall be necessary for the objects of said corporation. *And provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize said corporation to do a banking business."

Mr. Irvine called for a division of the question.

Which was adopted.

And the question being taken on the first branch of the amendment, it was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Britain,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Millspaugh,
Norton,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Sickett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Sencer,
Welles,
Winchell.

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Beers,
Bonham,
Fowle,

Mr. Irvine,
Kneeland,
McCarty,
Martin,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Root,
Stockton,
Street,

Gidley,
Hall,
Hudson,

Mead,
Montgomery,
Noyes,

Willson,
Speaker,

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The question was then taken on the second branch of the amendment, and the same was adopted.

Mr. Winchell moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House adopted the first branch of the foregoing amendment.

Which motion prevailed.

And a reconsideration ordered by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hall,

Mr. Haydon,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. Noyes,
Roberts,
Root,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
King,
Lench,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,

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The question was then taken on the adoption of said branch of the amendment, and the same was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Millspaugh,
Moore,

Mr. Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Roberts,

Beers,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,

Jones,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Noyes,

Root,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 30

No further amendments being offered, the bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's Canal Company, approved March 17, 1847, and to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's Canal Company, approved March 4, 1848, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Joint resolution relative to a donation of land by the General Government for establishing agricultural schools, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Joint resolutions relative to the construction of a plank road through section 16, in the village of Lansing, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to lay out and construct a certain plank road, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to modify an act to incorporate the Quincy Mining Company, approved March 30, 1849, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Road Company, being under consideration, Mr. Mead offered a substitute therefor, and moved that it be referred to committee of the whole and placed on the special order.

It was so referred.

And a bill to incorporate St. Mark's College at Grand Rapids.

The several amendments made thereto in committee of the whole were concurred in.

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment, to stand as the beginning of sec. 8:

Whenever it shall appear from the report of the board of visitors, or on the report of a committee appointed by the legislature, that the institution is possessed of permanent funds to the amount of _____ dollars."

Mr. N. Pierce moved to fill the blank in the amendment as follows:

"Of real and personal property of 10,000."

Mr. Clark moved to fill the blank with "30,000."

And the question being taken on the last named, the same did not prevail.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. N. Pierce, and the same prevailed.

And the question being taken on the amendment as amended, the same was not adopted.

Mr. Britain offered the following as a substitute for the amendment offered by himself on yesterday and adopted, viz:

"Substitute for proviso to sec. 1: Said corporation shall not hold any real estate more than — years after it shall have become seized of the same, excepting always, such real estate as shall be necessary for the objects of said corporation."

Pending which,

Mr. Stockton moved a reconsideration of the vote by which said amendment of Mr. Britain was adopted, which amendment was in the following words:

"The real estate which said corporation may hold shall only be such as shall be necessary for the objects of the corporation."

Which motion prevailed.

Said vote was reconsidered, and the question being taken on the adoption of said amendment, the same was lost.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the substitute,

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Harris,

The blank therein was filled with the word "ten."

The question was then taken on the substitute and the same was lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,

Mr. Green,
Hudson,
Kellogg,

Mr. Price,
Quackenbosa,
Renwick,

Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,

Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Welles,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Colvin,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Roberts,
Root,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Speaker.

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On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The House adjourned.

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Afternoon Session.

½ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Messrs. Martin and McCarty absent without leave.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Clarke in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills :

1. A bill to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company;

2. A bill to incorporate the Erin and Mt. Clemens Plank Road Company;

3. A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Plainfield Plank Road Company;

4. A bill to incorporate the Iron Bay and Carp River Plank Road Company;

5. A bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Rochester Plank Road Company;

6. A bill to incorporate the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company;

7. A bill to incorporate the Union City and Fremont Plank Road Company;

8. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Road Company, each with an amendment

And without amendment,

9. A bill to incorporate the Ontonagon Plank or Train Rail Road Company;

10. A bill to incorporate the Dearborn Plank Road Company;

11. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Coidwater Plank Road Company;

12. A bill to incorporate the Portland and Lansing Plank Road Company;

13. A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company;

14. A bill to incorporate the Grand River Plank Road Company;

15. A bill to incorporate the Fentonville and Millford Plank Road Company;

16. A bill to incorporate the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company;

17. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Saline Plank road Company;

18. A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Allegan Plank Road Company;

19. A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company;

20. A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Schoolcraft Plank Road Company;

21. A bill to incorporate the Hastings and Yankee Springs Plank Road Company;

22. A bill to incorporate the Howell and Byron Plank Road Company;

23. A bill to incorporate the Decatur and St. Joseph Plank Road Company;

24. A bill to authorize cities, villages and towns to take stock in plank roads; and,

25. A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Ada Plank Road Company;

In all which they asked the concurrence of the House, and to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The first named bill being under consideration, the amendments thereto were concurred in and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the second named were concurred in and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cartter moved that the several bills reported back by committee of the whole without amendment, be ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Barlow moved a reconsideration of the vote on the motion of Mr. Cartter.

Which motion prevailed, and said vote was reconsidered.

When, on motion of Mr. Cartter,

The bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Ada Plank Road Company, was laid on the table.

Adopted.

Mr. Cartter then renewed his motion to engross the several bills reported back without amendment.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, March 13, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Bonham and Irvine absent without leave.

Mr. Colvin asked leave of absence for Mr. Bonham on account of sickness. Refused.

On motion of Mr. Snow,

The action of the rule requiring the reading of the journal was suspended, and such reading dispensed with.

The journal was corrected and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Snow: of Charles Draper and others, asking for a judicious alteration in the fee bill of judge of probate, and that the same be investigated by sending for persons and papers, and asked its reference to the judiciary committee.

It was ordered to be so referred.

By Mr. Gidley: the memorial of certain citizens of Detroit, relative to the establishment of a building society in said city.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Montgomery: of Willard Davis and others, asking the appropriation of the non-resident highway taxes for five years on a certain state road in the county of Eaton.

Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Street: of M. M. Stimson and others, for laying out a state road in Berrien county; of Edward R. Lord and others, for a state road from Niles township to New Buffalo in Berrien county; of Lyman Culver and 122 others, praying for a state road from range 19 to St. Joseph in Berrien county.

Severally referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Movius, from the committee on the state library, submitted a report in writing, on the subject thereof, accompanied by a bill for the better management and care of the state library.

Report and bill laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on engrossment, reported as correctly engrossed sundry bills, which were severally placed on the order of third reading of bills.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session, the daily reading of the journal shall be dispensed with.

Resolved, That Friday in each week shall be set apart for the consideration of claims and applications for authority to minors to sell real estate, and that the clerk make a calender of all such bills.

Adopted.

Mr. Beers gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to lay out a certain state road.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to repeal an act to incorporate the Bank of St. Clair, was taken from the table, read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Renwick,
Barlow,	Kenyon,	Roberts,
Barnes,	Kneeland,	Root,
Beers,	Leach,	Sackett,
Britain,	Martin,	Sedgwick,
Burrows,	McCarty,	Sloan,
Chamberlain,	Mead,	Smith,
Colvin,	Montgomery,	Snow,
Dox,	Movius,	Spencer,
Fowle,	Norton,	Stockton,
Gidley,	Noyes,	Street,
Green,	J. B. Pierce,	Strowbridge,
Hall,	N. Pierce,	Willson,
Ives,	Price,	Winchell,
Jones,	Quackenboss,	Speaker,
Kellogg,		46

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Mr. Cartter,	1
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On motion of Mr. Norton,

The bill to provide for letting the State printing to contract, and to repeal act No. 74 in the session laws of 1849, entitled an act relative to State printing, approved March 12, 1849, was taken from the table.

And on motion of Mr. Smith,

The same was made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

The bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to strike out Grand Rapids and insert Barne's mil.

Mr. Burrows offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the select committee appointed by the House of Representatives on the 5th inst, to inquire into the true character of a report printed by order of the Senate, and by what means it found its way into the documents of the Legislature, be also requested to enquire into the true character of the communication of Ira Mayhew, late Superintendent of Public Instruction, which has also been ordered printed by order of the Senate, and by what means it was ordered printed.

Which, on motion of Mr. Axford,

Was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

The bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes, was taken from the table, and being under consideration, Mr. Green moved its indefinite postponement.

Mr. Gidley moved that it be laid on the table.

Which did not prevail.

And the question being taken on Mr. Green's motion, the same did not prevail, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Chamuerlin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Green,

Mr. Hayden,
Kennedy,
Lester,
Noves,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Spencer,
Willson, 18

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. Norton,
Otis,
Price,
Root,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker, 41

When, on motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

The bill was laid on the table.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, at which it had been agreed by the House to go into consideration of the special order, being the joint resolutions of Mr. Roberts relative to the Union,

Mr. Kellogg moved that the Sergeant-at-arms be dispatched to procure the attendance of Mr. Bonham.

Pending which, Mr. Clarke moved a call of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

The roll was called and Messrs. Bonham, Britain and Irvine absent without leave.

Mr. Dennis moved that Mr. Bonham be excused, but the House refused to excuse him.

On motion of Mr. Gidley,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched to procure the attendance of the absentees.

Mr. Britain soon after appearing at the bar of the House, was permitted to render his excuse, and was excused.

When, on motion of Mr. Dennis,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Dennis moved that the House now go into committee of the whole on the special order.

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Bar ow,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 36

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Morton,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,

Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Leach,
Lester,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge, 24

The House then resolved itself into committees of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Quackenboss in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon arose and by their chairman reported back to the House joint resolutions (Mr. Robert's) relating to the Union, to which they had made sundry amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein and to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

When, on motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

½ past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave, and Mr. Hudson absent without leave.

The House then resumed the consideration of the joint resolutions relating to the Union.

And the question being on concurring in the amendment made thereto in committee of the whole, which amendment was as follows:

Add at the end of the 3d resolution:

"And be it further Resolved, That nothing contained in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed as adopting the views of Lewis Cass or Henry Clay in regard to the power of Congress to prohibit slavery in the territories of the United States."

Mr. Clarke called for the yeas and nays thereon.

Mr. Otis moved a call of the House, which was ordered.

The roll was called. Messrs. Hooker and Hudson absent without leave.

On motion of Hayden,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched to procure the attendance of the absentees.

Mr. Hooker soon after appearing in his place,

Mr. Hayden moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Hudson soon thereafter appearing, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with, on Mr. Gidley's motion.

The question recurring on concurring in the amendment of the committee of the whole; pending which,

Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Strike out the words "adopting the views of Lewis Cass or Henry Clay," and insert in lieu thereof the words "expressing any opinion;" so that said resolution will read as follows:

"And be it further resolved, 'That nothing contained in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed as expressing any opinion in regard to the power of Congress to prohibit slavery in the territories of the U. S.'"

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Kenyon,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,	
Barnes,	King,	Price,	
Beers,	Kneeland,	Quackenbush,	
Bonham,	McCarty,	Roberts,	
Britain,	Mead,	Sacket,	
Chamberlain,	Millspaugh,	Smith,	
Dennis,	Moore,	Stockton,	
Dox,	Morton,	Street,	
Hudson,	Movins,	Weiles,	
Irvine,	Norton,	Winchell,	
Ives,	Noyes,	Wilson,	
Kennedy,	Olis,	Speaker,	36

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Montgomery,	
Barlow,	Hayden,	N. Pierce,	
Burrows,	Hooker,	Renwick,	
Carter,	Hussey,	Root,	
Colvin,	Jones,	Sedgwick,	
Clarke,	Kellogg,	Sloan,	
Duncan,	Leach,	Snow,	
Fowle,	Lester,	Spencer,	
Gidley,	Martin,	Stowbridge,	
Green,			28

The question then recurring on the concurrence of the House in

the amendment as amended, the same was concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,

Mr. Hudson,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,

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Mr. Otis offered the following amendment:

In the second resolution strike out "within the history of our own times, he," and insert "in the time of the last war with England."

Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Ives,
Millsbaugh,

Mr. Morton,
Otis,
Sacket,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Movius,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,

Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Norton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,

Willson,
Winchell,
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Mr. Nathan Pierce offered the following amendment: Strike out the second and third resolutions, and insert the following:

That while we behold the happiness, wealth and prosperity of the United States of America, whose government is known as the Model Republic of the world, with that universal display upon its national flag and banners, of the words freedom, liberty and equality, that it is with the deepest humiliation and sorrow, that we behold within this free land and nation, more than four millions of slaves!

One fifth part of the people in this free nation, are consigned and continued by the authority of law in human bondage.

And be it further Resolved, That while we as a nation proclaim to the world in that immortal declaration so well known and admired 'as the Declaration of Independance of the United States of America,' "that all men are created equal: that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights: that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness:" that with this declaration publicly made to the world, this free government and nation has upheld, supported and promoted slavery for more than seventy years.

And be it further Resolved, That we verily believe that slavery, or human bondage, is the greatest of human evils, and paramount to all the evils, miseries and oppressions that appertain to the people of this land and nation, and that it should be checked in its progress and finally made to comport with the Declaration of Independance.

And be it further Resolved, That Congress has the power, and it is their duty to prohibit by legislative enactments, the introduction or existance of slavery within any of the territories of the United States, now or hereafter to be acquired.

And be it further Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested 'to use all honorable means to accomplish the objects expressed in the foregoing resolutions, and that the Governor of this State be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr. Willson offered the following as a substitute for the amendment of Mr. N. Pierce:

And be it further resolved, That we cordially approve of the following extract of the farewell address of the great, the good Washington to his countrymen, as they inculcate sentiments to which every American freeman ought to respond—knowing no north, no south, no east, no west, and nothing but the perpetuity of the Union:

“Interwoven as is the love of liberty with every ligament of your hearts, no recommendation of mine is necessary to fortify or confirm the attachment. The unity of government which constitutes you one people, is also now dear to you. It is justly so; for it is the main pillar in the edifice of your real independence; the support of your tranquility at home; your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty which you so highly prize. But, as it is easy to foresee that different causes, and from different quarters, much pains will be taken, many artifices will be employed, to weaken in your minds the conviction of this truth; as this is the point in your political fortress against which the batteries of internal and external enemies will be most constantly and actively (though often covertly and insidiously) directed, it is of infinite moment that you should properly estimate the immense value of your national union to your collective and individual happiness; that you should cherish a cordial, habitual and immovable attachment to it, accustoming yourselves to think and speak of it as the palladium of your political safety and prosperity; watching for its preservation with jealous anxiety, discountenancing whatever may suggest even a suspicion that it can, in any event, be abandoned; and indignantly frowning upon the first dawning of any attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest, or to enfeeble the same ties which now link together the various parts. For this you have every inducement of sympathy and interest. Citizens by birth, or choice, of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections.

“The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits and political principles. You have, in a common cause, fought and triumphed together; the independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint councils, and joint efforts, of common dangers, sufferings and successes.

"But these considerations, however powerfully they address themselves to your sensibility, are greatly outweighed by those which apply more immediately to your interest. Here every portion of our country finds the most commanding motives for carefully guarding and preserving the union of the whole.

"In contemplating the causes which may disturb our Union, it occurs as matter of serious concern that any ground should have been furnished for characterizing parties by geographical discriminations—northern and southern—Atlantic and western; whence designing men may endeavor to excite a belief that there is a real difference of local interests and views. One of the expedients of party to acquire influence within particular districts, is to misrepresent the opinions and views of other districts. You cannot shield yourselves too much against the jealousies and heart-burnings which spring from these misrepresentations—they tend to render alien to each other those who ought to be bound together by fraternal affection.

"In offering to you, my countrymen, these counsels of an old and affectionate friend, I dare not hope they will make the strong and lasting impressions I could wish—that they will control the usual current of the passions, or prevent our nation from running the course which has hitherto marked the destiny of nations; but if I can flatter myself that they may be productive of some practical benefit, some occasional good, that may now and then occur to moderate the fury of party spirit, to warn against the mischiefs of foreign intrigue, to guard against the importunes of pretended patriotism, this hope will be full recompense for the solicitude for your welfare by which they have been dictated."

The question was debated by several members, and Mr. Leach having the floor, was called to order by Mr. Roberts, who made the following point of order:

No one is to speak impertinently or beside the question superfluously or tediously.

The Speaker decided Mr. Leach in order, who continued his remarks.

When he had concluded,
On motion of Mr. Cartter,
The House adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, March 14, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave.

The journal was corrected and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Hooker: of 68 citizens of Macomb county, praying this Legislature to repeal all laws which sanction the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and to establish a law totally prohibitory of the traffic, with such penalties as in their wisdom may seem sufficient to secure its observance.

Ordered laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a petition of the citizens of the township of China, in the county of St. Clair, asking that an act might be passed re-establishing the north line of said township, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House with the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. H. Rowley and others, praying the alteration of a road in the county of Eaton, have considered the said petition and ask leave to report adverse to granting the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill to provide for laying out a state road in the township of Walton, have considered the same, and find that the proposed road is all in one township, where the highway commissioners have full authority to lay out roads; therefore your committee report said bill back without amendment, recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill ordered laid on the table.

Also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition and bill to authorize the inhabitants of certain road districts in the county of Oakland to do their highway labor on roads where they may severally choose to work, have examined the petition and bill, and although the bill is a suitable one to carry out the prayer of the petitioners, yet it is the opinion of your committee that it would not be consistent to require the overseers of road districts to oversee the work, and allow each individual to work where he pleases, but that the commissioners can so divide their town into districts that justice may be done to all. Therefore your committee recommend that said bill do not pass, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill ordered laid on the table.

And the following:

The committee on roads and bridges to whom was referred petitions of citizens of Hillsdale county, praying an alteration in the highway laws in regard to damages to lands by laying out roads, have had a meeting and examined the petition and laws, and believe the present laws to be sufficient to guard the rights of landholders in this respect; also of petitioners asking a law authorizing overseers of road districts to add to the road tax in their discretion: there being now a bill before the House, granting discretionary power to the highway commissioners in regard to the amount of road taxes, it is

thought by your committee that no action is necessary; they therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, report the same back amended as instructed by the House.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill relative to town plats.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 13, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith the following entitled bills and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz:

1. A bill to vacate a part of the village of Mason, in the township of Coldwater, in the county of Branch;

2. A bill for the relief of the several school districts in the townships of Allen and Somerset, in Hillsdale county;

3. A bill to amend act No. 165 of the session laws of 1848, entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain State roads, approved April 1, 1848;

4. A bill to incorporate the Clarkston Academical Institute;

5. A bill to incorporate the Romeo Plank Road Company;

6. A bill to incorporate the Niles and State Line Plank Road Company;

7. A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company;

8. A bill to incorporate the Mason and Jackson Plank Road Company.

The three first named by a majority and the last five named by a two-thirds vote.

Also to return herewith the following entitled bills and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein:

9. A bill to incorporate the Mud Street Plank Road Company;

10. A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company;

10½. A bill authorizing a connection between the Detroit and Pontiac and Oakland and Ottawa Railroads, and for other purposes;

11. A bill authorizing Morris S. Allen and his wife to convey certain real estate;

12. A bill to authorize Julia H. Spencer and Janette A. Spencer to convey certain real estate;

13. A bill to change the names of Louis, Henry, Aaron and Samuel Freudenthaler;

14. A bill to change the name of the township of Sheboygan, in the county of Michilimackinac; also

15. Joint resolutions in relation to land selected by the state for saline purposes; and

16. Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents of the Legislature for the year 1850.

The first three named by a two-thirds vote.

Also to transmit herewith,

17. A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Company of Michigan;

18. A bill to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company of Michigan;

19. A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Mooreville Plank Road Company;

20. A bill relative to appeals;

21. A bill to amend an act to amend chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to appeals;

22. A bill to provide for statistical information;

23. A bill to amend chapter 20 of title 5 of the revised statutes of 1846, in reference to deeds on tax sales;

24. A bill supplementary to an act to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature, approved January 16, 1850;

25. A bill to amend chapter 72 of the revised statutes of 1846;

26. A bill to provide for taxing foreign corporations;

27. A bill establishing police regulations for the preservation of property on the line of railroads, and for other purposes; and

28. A bill to authorize Ambrose P. Young, guardian of the minor heirs of Joseph Tures, deceased, to convey certain real estate.

And to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same, the three first named by a two-thirds vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House in all said bills.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The Senate amendments to the 1st, 2d and 3d named were concurred in by a majority vote.

To the 4th named by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Beers,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Kenwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Sloan,

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To the 5th, by the following:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Roberts,

Bonham,
Britain,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,

King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,

Root,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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To the 6th, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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To the 7th, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,

Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,

Strowbridge,
Welles,
Wilson,
Speaker,

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And to the 8th, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sacket,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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And said bills were severally ordered enrolled.

The 9th, 10th, 10½th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th were severally ordered enrolled.

The 17th and 18th were severally read twice and referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

The 19th and 27th were severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th and 28th were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The 22d was read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

And the 23d and 26th named were read twice and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Carter, by unanimous consent of the House, introduced a bill to authorize Nathan Curtis Gulpin to convey certain real estate.

Read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the special order.

Mr. Bonham moved a reconsideration of the vote of the House taken yesterday, whereby the bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations with instructions to strike out Grand Rapids and insert Barne's Mills.

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Kellogg,	Mr. Otis,
Axford,	Kennedy,	J. B. Pierce,
Bonham,	Kenyon,	N. Pierce,
Britain,	King,	Price,
Carter,	Kneeland,	Quackenboss,
Clarke,	Leach,	Renwick,
Dennis,	Lester,	Roberts,
Dox,	McCarty,	Sackett,
Duncan,	Millsbaugh,	Sedgwick,
Hall,	Montgomery,	Smith,
Hayden,	Moore,	Snow,
Hooker,	Morton,	Spencer,
Hudson,	Movius,	Street,
Irvine,	Norton,	Speaker,
Ives,		

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Gidley,	Mr. Root,
Barnes,	Green,	Sloan,
Beers,	Jones,	Stockton,
Chamberlin,	Mead,	Stowbridge,
Colvin,	Noyes,	Winchell,
Fowle,		

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The question was then taken on the motion to recommit, and the same did not prevail.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Movius gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the publication of all general laws in the Michigan Tribune, a German paper published in the city of Detroit, under the direction of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Movius, by unanimous consent, introduced the claim of Caspar Butz, for translating the Governor's message into German.

Referred to the committee on claims.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The bill to incorporate the Genesee County Plank Road Company, was taken from the table, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Spencer, by unanimous consent, introduced joint resolutions relative to the Union.

Ordered laid over one day under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

The bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes was taken from the table, and the same being under consideration, Mr. Barlow offered the following amendment:

Strike out the word "of" in the 9th line, and insert, "subscribed and sworn to by."

Pending which, Mr. Price offered the following amendment to the amendment:

- "Made before same justice of the peace of his township, at the expense of his district."

Which was lost.

And the question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Barlow, the same was not adopted.

Mr. Barlow also offered the following amendment:

Strike out in the 12th line all after the word "expenditure," up to and including the word "job."

Mr. Hayden moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Pending which,

Mr. Britain moved to strike out the words "as well as," in line 7, sec. 1, and insert "also." Adopted.

Mr. Axford moved the previous question, which was ordered.

And the question being taken, shall the main question be put now? the same prevailed.

The question was then taken on Mr. Hayden's motion to strike out all after the enacting clause, and the same did not prevail as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Bonham,
Dennis,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Kennedy,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,

Dox,
Green,N. Pierce,
Price,

Willson,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hussey,Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
MillspaughMr. Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Morton,
Otis,
Sackett,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Clarke moved that the bill be now engrossed for a third reading.

Which prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,Mr. Movius,
Norton,
Otis,
Root,
Sackett,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bonham,
Britain,
Dennis,
Green,,
Hayden,Mr. Jones,
Kennedy,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Spencer,

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Mr. Quackenboss gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill to amend sec. 5 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes.

Mr. Roberts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the joint resolutions

relating to the Union, be postponed until Monday, the 18th instant, and made the special order for 11 o'clock of that day.

Adopted.

- Mr. Irvine moved to take from the table the preamble and joint resolution in relation to a road from Saginaw to Michilimackinac and Saint Ste. Mary.

Which motion prevailed.

Said joint resolutions were taken from the table, read a third time and adopted by the House.

Mr. Quackenboss offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the State Treasurer be directed to inform this House as soon as convenient, the amount of cash now on hand, so that this legislature may fix upon a day certain for adjournment.

Mr. Millspargh moved that it be laid on the table.

Pending which,

Mr. Price moved that it be indefinitely postponed.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. J. B. Pierce gave notice that he would, on some future day, if not sooner, introduce a bill in relation to, and to provide for, everything not heretofore acted upon and perfected at this session.

Mr. Abbott asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of this House a bill to incorporate the Grand Blanc Plank Road Company. Also a letter addressed to the Senators of district No. 6, and the representatives of the county of Genesee by sundry inhabitants of Flint.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House took up and passed, under the order of third reading of bills, the following:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Old Fellows' Hall Association of the city of Detroit, approved March 19 1845, which, being under consideration,

Mr. Noyes, by unanimous consent, offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words "or in the purchase of real estate," in section 1. Adopted.

The bill then passed as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. Otis,	
Axford,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,	
Barlow,	Ives,	Quackenboss,	
Barnes,	Jones,	Renwick,	
Beers,	Kellogg,	Roberts,	
Britain,	Kennedy,	Root,	
Cartter,	Kenyon,	Sackett,	
Chamberlain,	Kneeland,	Sedgwick,	
Colvin,	Lester	Sloan,	
Clarke,	Martin,	Smith,	
Dennis,	McCarty,	Snow,	
Dox,	Mead,	Stockton,	
Duncan,	Millsbaugh,	Street,	
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Strowbridge,	
Green,	Morton,	Willson,	
Hall,	Movius,	Winchell,	
Hayden,	Norton,	Speaker,	
Hudson,	Noyes,		53

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Mr. Fowle,	Mr. King.	Mr. N. Pierce,	3
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A bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes.

A bill to vacate the village plat of the village of Royalton in Berrien county, was read a third time, and

On motion of Mr. Britain,

Ordered laid on the table.

A bill to vacate the plat of Biddle City in the county of Ingham was read a third time and passed.

Also a bill to amend act No. 139, session laws of 1849, entitled an act to provide for laying out a state road from Ohio, north to the village of Hudson, approved March 31, 1849;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to lay out and construct a certain plank road, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849;

A bill providing for the punishment of persons in possession of stolen property in this State, having stolen the same in another State, and for the punishment of receivers of stolen property in certain cases;

And a bill to modify an act to incorporate the Quincy Mining Company, approved March 30, 1849, by the following vote:

YEAS

Mr. Axford,
 Barlow,
 Barnes,
 Chamberlin,
 Colvin,
 Clarke,
 Dennis,
 Dox,
 Duncan,
 Fowle,
 Gidley,
 Green,
 Hall,
 Hayden,
 Hooker,
 Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
 Irvine,
 Ives,
 Jones,
 Kellogg,
 Kennedy,
 Kenyon,
 Lester,
 McCarty,
 Mead,
 Millspaugh,
 Montgomery,
 Morton,
 Noyes,
 J. B. Pierce,
 N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
 Quackenboss,
 Renwick,
 Roberts,
 Root,
 Sackett,
 Sedgwick,
 Sloan,
 Smith,
 Spencer,
 Stockton,
 Street,
 Willson,
 Winchell,
 Speaker,

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Also the following entitled plank road bills, each by a two-thirds vote:

A bill to incorporate the Dearborn Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Howell and Byron Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Hastings and Yankee Springs Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Schoolcraft Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Allegan Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Saline Plank road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Fentonville and Millford Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Grand River Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Portland and Lansing Plank Road Company.

A bill to incorporate the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company, was taken up for a third reading, when Mr. Dennis moved that it

be recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to so amend the bill that the said plank road shall be constructed on or along the line of the highway leading east from the center of sec. 16, in the township of Lansing, from the point where said highway intersects the Grand River road to the center of said section.

Pending which, Mr. Movius moved that the House adjourn.

Which did not prevail.

Mr. Movius then moved to lay the motion of Mr. Dennis on the table.

Which did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

½ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill authorizing a connection between the Detroit and Pontiac and Oakland and Ottawa Railroads, and for other purposes.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 14, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a bill for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals, and for other purposes, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

Read a first and second time and referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Hayden moved to take from the table the bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Lawrence Plank Road Company.

Which motion prevailed.

The Senate amendments thereto were concurred in, and said bill ordered enrolled.

Mr. Roberts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several bills connected with or relating to the Upper Peninsula, be made the special order for Tuesday next.

Adopted.

Mr. Clarke offered the following:

Resolved, That all bills relative to education be made the special order of Saturday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adopted.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House then took up under the order of bills for a third reading, a bill to incorporate the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company.

And the question being on Mr. Dennis' motion to recommit with certain instructions, the same did not prevail.

The bill was then read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

The following entitled bills were also read a third time and passed, each by a two-thirds vote, viz:

A bill to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's Canal Company, approved March 17, 1847, and to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's Canal Company, approved March 4, 1848;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Coldwater Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Plymouth and Dearborn Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ontonagon Plank or Train Rail Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Erin and Mt. Clemens Plank Road Company; and,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to lay out and construct a certain plank road, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849.

Joint resolutions relative to the construction of a plank road through section 16, in the village of Lansing, were read a third time and lost, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,	Mr. Speaker,
Morton,		

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. Otis,
Barnes,	Irvine,	N. Pierce,
Beers,	Ives,	Quackenboss,
Bonham,	Jones,	Renwick,
Britain,	Kellogg,	Root,
Carter,	Kennedy,	Sacket,
Chamberlin,	Kenyon,	Sedgwick,
Colvin,	King,	Sloan,
Clarke,	Kneeland,	Smith,
Dennis,	Leach,	Snow,
Dox,	Lester,	Spencer,
Duncan,	Martin,	Stockton,
Fowle,	Mead,	Street,
Gidley,	Millsbaugh,	Strowbridge,
Green,	Movius,	Welles,
Hayden,	Norton,	Willson,
Hooker,	Noyes,	Winchell,

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And a joint resolution relative to a donation of land by the General Government for establishing agricultural schools, was read a third time and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House having arrived at the order of unfinished business,

The bill to vacate the county seat of the county of Shiawassee, and to relocate the same, was taken up. The bill was,

On motion of Mr. Stockton.

Ordered laid on the table.

And a bill to incorporate St. Mark's College at Grand Rapids, being under consideration,

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Add a new section, as follows:

"Sec. — Said corporation shall not hold any real estate more than 15 years after the same shall have been conveyed to it; excepting always such real estate as shall be necessary for the objects of said corporation."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Britain,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Green,
Hayden,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,

Mr. Kennedy,
King,
Lester,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Renwick,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Wilson,
Winchell,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidl y,

Mr. Hall,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,

Mr. Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
N. Pierce,
Stockton,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Irvine,

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

And a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor was taken up.

The question being on its engrossment for a third reading,

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment thereto, viz:

"Said company shall not hold any real estate more than fifteen years after the same shall have been conveyed to them, excepting always, such real estate as shall be necessary for the objects of said corporation."

Adopted.

And on motion of Mr. Kellogg,

The bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hills-

dale and Indiana Plank Road Company, the substitute to which, adopted in committee of the whole, was concurred in, and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to incorporate the Union City and Fremont Plank Road Company, the amendments to which, in committee of the whole, were concurred in, and the same ordered in engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to incorporate the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company, the amendments to which, made in committee of the whole, were concurred in.

When Mr. Britain offered the following amendment, viz:

Strike out section 5, and insert:

"Sec. 5. The said company shall be subject to all general laws of this state now in force, relating to Plank roads, and the same are hereby made a part of this act."

Adopted.

When the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Rochester Plank Road Company, the amendments to which in committee of the whole, were concurred in, and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to incorporate the Iron Bay and Carp River Plank Road Company, the amendments to which in committee of the whole were concurred in, and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading:

And a bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Plainfield Plank Road Gompany, the amendments to which in committee of the whole were also concurred in, and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House then went into consideration of the special order of the day, it being a bill to provide for letting the state printing to contract, and to repeal act No. 74 in the session laws of 1849, entitled an act relative to state printing, approved March 12, 1849.

And the question being on the motion of Mr. Kellogg on the 8th inst., to indefinitely postpone,

The same did not prevail by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Martin,
Morton,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Beers,
Britain,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hooker,

Mr. Ives,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,

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The question then recurring on the following amendments, offered by Mr. Noyes on the 8th inst, viz:

Strike out "1851," and insert the word "next," in line 2, sec. 1; also strike out "1852," and insert the word "next" in the last line of sec. 5.

Pending which,

Mr. Kenyon moved a call of the House.

Which prevailed, and a call was ordered.

The roll was then called. Messrs. Burrows, Hudson and Irvine absent without leave.

Mr. Roberts asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Irvine for the day, on account of illness.

Mr. Otis for Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Dox for Mr. Burrows, on account of illness.

When, on motion of Mr. Wells,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Pending which,

The question then recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Noyes,

Mr. Roberts moved that the bill and proposed amendments be referred to a select committee of three, with instructions to investigate and report thereon.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Bonham,
Hayden,
Kellogg,

Mr. King,
Kneeland,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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The question was then taken on the amendment of Mr. Noyes, and the same lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hooker,

Mr. Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Welles,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Lench,
Martin,
Mead,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,

Fowle,
Green,
Hayden,

Moore,
Morton,
Movius,

Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Spencer moved that the further consideration of the whole subject be postponed until the first Monday of January next.

And after considerable debate thereon,

Mr. Quackenboss moved the previous question.

Which motion prevailed.

And the question being, shall the main question be now put?

Pending which,

Mr. Cartter moved that the House adjourn.

Which the chair decided not in order.

The main question was then ordered.

And the same being on the motion of Mr. Spencer to postpone until the first Monday of January next,

It prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Beers,
Britain,
Cartter,
Clarke,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hooker,

Mr. Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

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When, on motion of Mr. Quackenboss,
The House adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, March 15, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave.

The journal was corrected and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Leach: of W. W. Booth and others, praying that the name of the county of Cass may be changed to Hale.

On motion of Mr. Clark,

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Jones: of Hiber Cowden, asking compensation for services rendered under the orders of the Adjutant General of the state of Michigan.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Hussey: the remonstrance of J. I. Mead, A. L. Power and 35 others, of Oakland county, against rescinding the resolutions of the last legislature, instructing our members in congress to use their influence against the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States, and praying that the same may be repeated.

Laid on the table.

By Mr. J. B. Pierce: of H. A. Hayden, Marvin Dorrel and 30 others, citizens of Jackson county, praying that joint resolutions may be passed by the legislature releasing our delegation in congress from the instruction on the subject of slavery adopted last winter, and that said delegation be now instructed to use their influence for the preservation of the Union.

Also of Henry Tisdale, Geo. Gardner and 44 others, for the same purposes.

Ordered laid on the table.

By Mr. Dox: of Mary Chamberlin and other ladies, and gentlemen of Oakland county, praying for the passage of a law imposing a tax on that class of the lords of creation, usually called bachelors, for the education of orphan children.

Read and referred to select committee on licenses.

Also, of Harvey Wheeler and others of Oakland county to vacate the village of Centerville in said county.

Referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

Also, of A. C. Howard and 41 others for rescinding joint resolutions of instructions passed last session of the legislature relative to the extension of slavery.

Ordered laid on the table.

By Mr. Mead: of the President and Trustees of the village of Hillsdale, requesting an amendment of the charter of said village.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Gidley, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the memorial of certain citizens of the city of Detroit relative to the establishment of a building society in said city, report a bill to carry out the object of the memorialists.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read a first and second time, ordered printed and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy at Bertrand, Berrien county, have considered the same, report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Also, a bill to incorporate Berrien County Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., with an amendment in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Clinton and Mooreville Pland Road Company.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom were referred

many petitions and remonstrances from the county of Oakland, for and against the repeal of act No. 192, session laws of 1849, respectfully report, that there is now a bill before the House to carry out the wishes of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Also, the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, have had under consideration Senate bill for opening a state road from Marshall in Calhoun county to Lansing in Ingham county, and report the same back to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

And the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred petitions and bill to improve the Eaton, Barry and Allegan state road report the same back to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of this subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred petitions and bill to legalize the survey and record of a certain highway in the county of Oakland, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and wish to be discharged.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to vacate a part of the plat of the village of Mason in the township of Coldwater in the county of Branch;

A bill for the relief of the several school districts in the townships of Allen, Camden and Somerset in the county of Hillsdale; and,

A bill to amend act No. 165 of the session laws of 1848, entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, approved April 1, 1848.

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee on mines and mineral, submitted the following report:

The committee on mines and minerals, to whom was referred Senate bill to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company, having had the same under consideration, propose certain amendments thereto and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Casper Butz, for translating the Governor's message into German, for the year 1850, have had the same under consideration and directed their chairman to report the same back accompanied by a bill, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES

The following message was received from the Executive by the hands of his private secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 14, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to unite the townships of Tyler and Eaton Rapids in the county of Eaton.

JNO. S. BARRY.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill to amend chapter 56 of the revised statutes of 1846, and the bill to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes of 1846, be taken from the table and placed on the special order for to-morrow.

Adopted.

Mr. Spencer moved to take from the table the joint resolution relative to the Union, offered by him on the 14th inst., and that the same be referred to the special order of Monday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and ordered printed.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Dennis gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the revised statutes of 1846; and A bill to amend the charter of the village of Adrian.

Mr. pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to amend section 5 of chapter 158 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Read a first and second time and referred to the judiciary committee.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having arrived at the order of third reading of bills, the following entitled bills were read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Company of Michigan;

A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Plainfield Plank Road Company; and

A bill to incorporote the Royal Oak and Rochester Plank Road Company, each by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to incorporate St. Mark's College at Grand Rapids, being

ordered to its third reading, the same was discussed by several members.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Messrs. Burrows and McCarty were absent without leave.

Mr. Dox asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the week for Mr. Burrows, on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Britain in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills :

1. A bill to authorize the Governor to convey certain land;
2. A bill to authorize James Kellogg and Edwin Kellogg to convey certain real estate;
3. A bill to provide for funding to David W. Noyes certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office;
4. A bill to provide for refunding to Loren Andrews certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office;
5. A bill to provide for refunding to Joseph Miller certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office;
6. A bill for the relief Orson R. Willard;
7. A bill to authorize Prudence Kent and Frances S. Warner, of Shiawassee county, to convey certain real estate;
8. A bill to authorize the Governor to convey certain lands;
9. A bill to provide for paying certain expenses incurred and authorized by the Adjutant General in securing and repairing arms, ordnance and accoutrements, belonging to the State;
10. A bill to authorize William Wells, administrator, and Catha-

rine Cusick, administratrix on the estate of Clark S. Cusick, to convey certain real estate;

11. A bill to authorize Adeline, Sarah Ann. James, George, and Silas Whitaker, of the county of Oakland, to convey certain real estate;

12. A bill to authorize Alonzo Bennett, guardian of certain minors, to convey real estate;

13. A bill authorizing the board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of A. Kaminsky;

14. A bill to authorize James Shepherd, guardian of Esther Ann Shepherd, to convey certain real estate;

15. A bill to authorize George H. Murdock to convey real estate;

16. A bill to authorize Nathan Curtis Galpin to convey certain real estate;

17. A bill to authorize Julia Grongan to convey a certain land certificate;

18. A bill to amend an act to enable the executors and administrators of the estate of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain land;

19. A bill for the relief of the Baptist Society of Howell;

20. A bill to authorize Nathaniel A. Balch, administrator, to sell certain land belonging to the estate of Walter Clark, deceased;

21. A bill for the relief of George Allen; and

22. A bill to enable Milton H. Butler to convey certain real estate; the one named last with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked, and that the committee might be discharged from further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendments to the last named bill were concurred in and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The third, fourth and fifth were,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

Ordered laid on the table.

The twenty-first named was,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Ordered laid on the table.

The remainder of said bills were severally ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved that the House adjourn.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Sedgwick in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House,

A bill authorizing the board of supervisors of the county of Kent to locate and fix the seat of justice of said county, with amendments, in which they asked the concurrence of the House, and to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendments to said bill were concurred in, and the same,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Ordered engrossed for a third reading.

When, on motion of Mr. Barlow;

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, March 16, 1850.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The roll was called. Mr. Irvine absent without leave.

The journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of Thos. P. Glen and 96 others, for authority to establish in the village of Niles a school for colored children, respectfully report, that they have considered the subject referred to them, and being of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, they have instructed me to report a bill for that purpose, and to ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said bill,

On Mr. Clarke's motion,

Referred to committee of the whole and placed on the special order.

Mr. Street, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, submitted the following report:

Your committee have had under consideration a Senate bill for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals, and for other purposes, and have instructed their chairman to report the same back without amendment and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. STREET, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, submitted the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill supplementary to an act to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature, approved January 16, 1850;

Have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report it back to the House with a substitute therefor, the adoption and passage of which they recommend and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, the substitute for said bill read twice, adopted, and

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

The rule suspended, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Axford, from the committee on the organization of towns and counties, submitted the following report:

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a petition of sundry citizens of the township of Royal Oak, in the county of Oakland, asking that the village plat of Centreville in said township might be vacated, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House with the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred many petitions of citizens of Berrien county, praying the passage of a law to lay out three state roads in said county, have examined said petition and report a bill providing for laying out said roads and ask to be discharged.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill authorizing Morris S. Allen and his wife to convey certain real estate;

Joint resolutions in relation to land selected by the state for saline purposes;

A bill to authorize Julia H. Spencer and Jeanette A. Spencer to convey certain real estate;

Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents of the Legislature for the year 1850;

A bill to change the names of Louis, Henry, Aaron and Samuel Freudenthaler;

A bill to change the name of the township of Sheboygan, in the county of Michilimackinac;

A bill to incorporate the Mason and Jackson Plank Road Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Mud Street Plank Road Company;

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on incorporations, to whom was referred a bill establishing police regulations for the preservation of property on the line of rail roads, and for other purposes, report the same back to

the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Cassopolis and Dowagiac Plank Road Company.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The first named bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The second named was read a first and second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Movius,

A suspension of the rules was ordered.

Pending which, Mr. Britain, by unanimous consent, offered the following amendment to stand as section 6:

Strike out sec. 6 and insert as sec. 6: The said Company shall be subject to all general laws of this State now in force relating to plank roads, and the same are made a part of this act.

Adopted.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, March 15, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—Herewith is transmitted

A bill to incorporate the Sons of Temperance Hall Association of the city of Detroit; also,

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Pontiac; and,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Peninsular Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 12, 1844, under the name and style of the Detroit Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 31, 1849;

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

Said bills were severally read a first and second time and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Also, the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 15, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill for the relief of the heirs of James H. Welling, and to respectfully inform you the Senate have concurred therein.

Also, to transmit the following entitled bills, viz:

2. A bill to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a State normal school; also,

3. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Monroe and certain acts amendatory thereto, approved March 30, 1849;

4. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, passed April 1st, 1840;

5. A bill to amend an act to establish an asylum for the deaf, dumb and blind, and also an asylum for the insane of the State of Michigan, and the act amendatory thereto;

6. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to grant to school districts and religious denominations of professing Christians suitable grounds in the towns of Michigan belonging to the State, whereon to erect houses for public worship and school houses;

7. A bill to amend an act entitled an act in aid of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, approved March 31, 1849.

8. A bill to vest in the boards of supervisors the power to establish or change the bounds of townships;

9. A bill requiring the Auditor General of the state to cancel certain securities executed to him under the general banking law;

10. A bill to change the name of the village of Mt. Pleasant to Long Lake, and to vacate a part of the plat thereof;

11. A bill to amend chapter 50 of the revised statutes of 1846;

12. Joint resolution relative to a donation of land by the general government, for establishing agricultural schools, and for other purposes;

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, the

three first named by a two-thirds vote, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The first named was ordered enrolled.

The second and eleventh, read a first and second time, and referred to the special order of to-day.

The 3d and 4th, read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The 5th and 6th, read twice and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The 7th and 12th, read twice and referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

The 8th and 10th named, read twice and referred to the committee on the organization of towns and counties.

The 9th named, read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Roberts introduced joint resolutions in relation to state convention.

Ordered laid over one day, under the rule.

Mr. Smith presented certain resolutions passed by citizens of Cass county in regard to the proposed amendment of the charter of the Southern Railroad Company, and asked their reference to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Ordered to be so referred.

Mr. McCarty gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes.

Mr. Gidley gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize certain minors of the town of Grass Lake in the county of Jackson, to convey certain real estate.

THIRD READING OF BILLS

The following entitled bills were read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill to incorporate St. Mark's College at Grand Rapids, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Clarke,
Dennis,

Mr. Dox,
Fowle,
Lester,
Otis,
Price,
Renwick,

Mr. Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Welles,

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And a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Cartter,
Clarke,
Dox,
Fowle,

Mr. Lester,
Price,
Renwick,
Sackett,

Mr. Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,

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The hour of eleven o'clock having arrived, at which it had been agreed to go into consideration of the special order of the day, the House,

On Mr. Clarke's motion,

Resolved itself into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Noyes in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose and reported back to the House the following bills:

1. A bill to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a state normal school, without amendment; and

2. A bill to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes of 1846, upon which they had made some progress and asked leave to sit again thereon and to be discharged.

The report was accepted, leave granted and the committee discharged.

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved that the 1st named bill be ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Britain,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past two o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Stockton introduced a bill to incorporate the Clinton Institute at Mt. Clemens.

Read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a State Normal School.

No amendments being offered to which, it was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the special order of the day,

Mr. Noyes in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose and by their chairman, reported back the following entitled bill, viz:

A bill to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes of 1846, with sundry amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Axford,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, March 18, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave.

The journal was corrected and approved.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Stockton on the committee on state affairs.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Hussey: the remonstrance of H. M. Munson and 53 others, citizens of Eaton county, against rescinding the resolutions passed April 2, 1849, instructing our members in Congress to use their influence against the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States; and they also petition that the instructions may be re-enacted and forwarded to our Congressmen without delay.

Ordered laid on the table.

By Mr. Dennis: the memorial of the common council of the village of Adrian for the passage of a law authorizing said village to subscribe for \$30,000 stock in the Michigan Southern Railroad and to issue the bonds of said village in payment of such subscriptions.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Winchell: the petition of S. Bebee and others, praying for the repeal of the present license law.

Ordered laid on the table.

Also, the claim of George Matthews, of Ingham county, against the state.

Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Axford: the remonstrance of Hugh Queenan and others, citizens of school district No. 11 in the town of Groveland, in the county of Oakland, against legalizing said school district.

Referred to the committee on education.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Brigadier General Heber Cowden, have had the same under consideration and directed their chairman to report the same back and recommend that it be referred to the committee on militia.

And it was so referred.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Abram P. Young to convey certain real estate, begs leave to report the same back to the House and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Reuben Perryne and David Perryne to build a dam across Grand River in the county of Eaton, reported the same back to the House and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to committee of the whole, ordered printed and placed on the general order.

Also, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to amend chapter seventy-two of the revised statutes of 1846, respectfully report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to vacate a portion of a certain street in the village of Owasso in the county of Shiawassee, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill

referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Orage Butler and others for the passage of a law to vacate a portion of the village of Grand River City, report a bill for the purpose and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a manuscript bill which had passed the Senate, changing the name of the village of Mount Pleasant to Long Lake, and to vacate a part of the plat thereof, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances of the citizens of the county of Ottawa, asking that the county seat of said county might be vacated and relocated, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without action, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred petition of Henry Robinson and other inhabitants of Vermontville in the county of Eaton, praying an appropriation of non-resident road tax on a certain road, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that no law is necessary; that the commissioners of highways can so divide the town into districts that the non-resident tax be properly expended; therefore your committee report adverse to

granting the prayer of said petitioners, and ask to be discharged from this subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred petition of citizens of the township of Moscow, county of Hillsdale, have had the same under consideration and report by bill to carry out the prayer of the petitioners, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the bill read a first and second time, ordered printed, and referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company;

A bill for the relief of the heirs of James H. Welling;

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Gidley, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Clinton Institute, report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 16, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith the following entitled bills, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have by a two-thirds vote concurred therein, each with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked, viz:

1. A bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Rochester Plank Road Company;

2. A bill to incorporate the Decatur and St. Joseph Plank Road Company;

3. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to lay out and construct a certain plank road, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849;

4. A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Allegan Plank Road Company;

5. A bill to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company;

6. A bill to incorporate the Howell and Byron Plank Road Company;

7. A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Schoolcraft Plank Road Company;

8. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1848;

Also the following, and to inform you that the Senate have by a two-thirds vote concurred therein:

9. A bill to modify an act to incorporate the Quincy Mining Company, approved March, 30, 1848;

10. A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Plainfield Plank Road Company;

11. A bill to incorporate the Hastings and Yankee Springs Plank Road Company;

12. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Coldwater Plank Road Company;

Also the following, and to inform you of the concurrence of the Senate therein, the first named with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked:

13. A bill to organize the township of Bushnell;

14. A bill to organize certain townships therein named.

Also, to transmit the following entitled bills, which the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein:

15. A bill to incorporate the Walker and Vergennes Plank Road Company; and,

16. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the North-Western Health Insurance Company, approved March 30, 1849.

I am also instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred

in the House substitute for a bill supplementary to an act to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature, approved January 16, 1850, and have ordered the same as amended to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

The Senate amendments to the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th named bills were severally concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bills as amended ordered enrolled.

The 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th named bills were severally ordered enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the 13th and 14th named bills were concurred in, and the bills as amended ordered enrolled.

The 15th and 16th named bills were read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Mead offered the following:

Resolved, That the consideration of House joint resolutions No. 15, and the matters connected therewith, the special order of this day, be postponed until 11 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday next.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Roberts gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce bills, entitled,

A bill for the relief of the county of Chippewa;

A bill providing for the assessment and collection of highway taxes in the counties of Chippewa, Houghton, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft and Marquette; and

A bill relating to apportionment of taxes in the township of Ste. Marie, county of Chippewa.

Mr. Gidley, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorize Delia C. Cole, Charles Henry Cole and Mariette Lavina Cole to convey certain real estate.

The bill was read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Movius, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to provide for the publication of certain laws.

Read a first and second time and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Dennis, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Adrian.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Clarke offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on drugs and medicines be instructed to inquire whether the practice of smoking in this hall be not detrimental to the health of members.

Mr. Noyes moved to amend the same by striking out "drugs and medicines" and inserting "education."

Pending which,

Mr. Axford moved to indefinitely postpone the whole subject.

Which did not prevail.

The question then being on Mr. Noyes' amendment, the resolution was so amended.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of a bill to repeal act No. 105 of the session laws of 1849, and to establish the dividing line between the townships of China and St. Clair, in the county of St. Clair; and,

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The rules were suspended, said bill read a third time and passed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

A bill to incorporate the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Road Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Union City and Fremont Plank Road Company;

Were severally read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, was read a third time, and,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Laid on the table.

A bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes;

A bill to authorize the board of Supervisors of the county of Kent to locate and fix the seat of justice of said county;

A bill to authorize Nathaniel A. Balch, administrator, to sell certain land belonging to the estate of Walter Clark, deceased;

A bill for the relief of the Baptist Society of Howell;

A bill to amend an act to enable the executors and administrators of the estate of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain land;

A bill to authorize Julia A. Grongan to convey a certain land certificate;

A bill to enable Milton H. Butler to convey certain real estate;

A bill to authorize Nathan Curtis Galpin to convey certain real estate;

A bill to authorize Prudence Kent and Frances S. Warner, of Shiawassee county, to convey certain real estate;

A bill to authorize George H. Murdock to convey real estate;

A bill to authorize James Kellogg and Edwin Kellogg to convey certain real estate;

A bill to authorize Adeline, Sarah Ann, James, George, and Silas Whitaker, of the county of Oakland, to convey certain real estate;

A bill to authorize James Shepherd, guardian of Esther Ann Shepherd, to convey certain real estate;

A bill to authorize Alonzo Bennett, guardian of certain minors, to convey real estate;

Were severally read a third time and passed.

A joint resolution authorizing the board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of A. Kaminsky, was read a third time and passed, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carter,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,

Mr. Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Hall,
Hayden,

Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,

Quackenboss,
Sacket,
Snow,
Stockton,
Welles,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barnes,
Chamberlin,
Gidley,
Green,
Hooker,
Jones,

Mr. Leach,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,

Mr. Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Winchell,

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A bill for the relief of Orson R. Willard was read a third time, and the question being on its final passage, the same was not passed, as follows;

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Bonham,
Britain,

Mr. Hayden,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Mead,
Stockton,
Street,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Ous,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,

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A bill to authorize the Governor to convey certain lands, was read a third time, and the question being on the final passage, the same was not passed, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,

Mr. Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Martin,
Mead,
Moore,

Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlain,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,

Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Leach,

Otis,
Quackenboss,
Stockton,
Street,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barnes,
Beers,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Gidley,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Jones,

Mr. Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Welles,
Speaker,

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A bill to authorize the Governor to convey certain lands was read
a third time, and the question being on its final passage,

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House adjourned.

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Afternoon Session.

½ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the
general order, Mr. Gidley in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose and by their chair-
man reported back to the House the following entitled bills :

1. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Gene-
see Plank Road Company;

2. A bill to lay out, establish and improve a state road from Has-
tings, in the county of Barry, to Ionia, in the county of Ionia;

3. A bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the State
Land Office to the seat of government, and to revive certain laws
relative thereto; and

4. A joint resolution relative to a certain sum of money stolen
from the Post Office belonging to the State,

To which they had made no amendment; also,

5. A bill to authorize the erection of county work houses, and for the correction and punishment of vagrants, and for other purposes;

To which they had made amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee also had under consideration,

6. A bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors, upon which they reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The third named bill being under consideration,

Mr. Noyes offered a substitute.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The bill and substitute were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, March 19, 1850.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Street, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, reported that they had had under consideration a joint resolution relative to a donation of land by the general government for establishing an agricultural school, and for other purposes, and have instructed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The same committee have also had under consideration a Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act in aid of the Michigan State Ag-

ricultural Society, approved March 31, 1849, and a majority of the committee have instructed their chairman to report adverse to said bill, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Price, from the committee on militia, to whom was referred the claim of General Heber Cowden, have had the same under consideration and recommend that he be allowed twenty dollars, and ask to be discharged from its consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Kenyon, from the committee on state affairs, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act to establish an asylum for the deaf, dumb and blind, and also an asylum for the insane of the state of Michigan, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage.

Also, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to provide for statistical information, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House, and a majority of them would recommend its passage.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of the county of Monroe, asking for a law to compel the Southern Railroad Company to keep the ditches clear along the line of their road, report the same back to the House and ask its reference to the judiciary committee.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the petition referred to the judiciary committee.

Also, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Monroe, have considered the same, report it back with an amendment in which they ask the concurrence of the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The same committee have also had under consideration a bill to incorporate the Sons of Temperance Hall Association of Detroit, and a bill to amend the charter of the village of Pontiac, report them back to the House, recommend their passage and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to incorporate the Hastings and Yankee Springs Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Plainfield Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Coldwater Plank Road Company; and

A bill to modify an act to incorporate the Quincy Mining Company, approved March 30, 1849.

All which were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Gidley, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom were referred

A bill to incorporate the Walker and Vergennes Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Northwestern Health Insurance Company, approved March 30, 1849;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, approved April 1st, 1840; and also,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Hillsdale, approved March 16, 1847, having had the same under consideration, reported the same back to the House without amendment, recommended their passage and asked to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Gidley, from the minority of the committee on federal relations made a report in writing, which was accepted, and,

On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce,

Was laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. N. Pierce, from the minority of the committee on federal relations, also made a report in writing, accompanied with joint resolutions.

The report was accepted, and,

On motion of Mr. Movius,

Laid on the table, ordered printed and the resolutions referred to the special order for Saturday next.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Vernier and 36 others of Harrison in the county of Macomb, asking for power to submit to the people the propriety of raising any further sums of money for library purposes in said town, respectfully report that the duty of the Legislature to "provide for the establishment of libraries, one at least in each township," is enjoined by the Constitution; and it is a duty, moreover, which, with but very rare exceptions, is regarded by the people with deep interest, as of great importance, especially to the youth of the State. The laws which now provide for the annual donations to the libraries are necessary to carry out the constitutional provision in its spirit to a degree of practical and increasing usefulness. To effect this the law should be uniform throughout the State, and your committee are aware of no good reason why the town of Harrison should be exempted from a policy enjoined by the Constitution and maintained in all the other townships, and therefore report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of their petition.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Mr. Leach offered the following:

Resolved, That to-day and each day hereafter until otherwise ordered this House will hold an evening session, commencing at half past six.

Which resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Gidley offered the following:

Resolved, That hereafter it shall not be in order for any member to speak more than ten minutes at a time on any question before the

House, or in committee of the whole, without the consent of the committee.

Mr. Morton moved to lay the resolution on the table. **Lost.**

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Quackenboss offered the following:

Resolved, That this House will hereafter commence its afternoon session at 2 o'clock P. M. until otherwise ordered.

Which, on motion of Mr. Axford,

Was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolutions relating to the Union:

Whereas, The dissolution of the Union of the States, established by the toil and cemented by the blood of our fathers, has become the subject of daily and familiar discussion, as an event which may happen in our day and generation;

And whereas, The most distinguished and patriotic of our statesmen, revered alike for their love of country and of liberty—men to whom in days of peril and danger, the citizens of our common country have looked not in vain for deliverance from threatening evil—have expressed in the national councils their deep apprehensions of the result of the wide spread excitement which has grown out of a mere variance of opinion upon a question of the deepest importance;

And whereas, The people of Michigan are devoted to the Union by the common ties which bind together the people of the various States—ties of blood, of interest, of affection, of common origin and destiny; and to the end that the States of the Union may fully understand that in no event, whatever be the differences of opinion which honestly prevail among our citizens, and in our legislative halls, upon subjects affecting the mutual interests, will the people of this State be found to consider even the peaceable dissolution of the Union as a question to enlist their sectional or party feeling, or engender animosity; that while such a proposition can never enlist in its behalf either their patriotism, their judgment or their feelings, they can look with no less apprehension to such a proposition than to the bolder and still more suicidal idea, that the Union is to be deluged in the blood of a fraternal

war—that repudiating both, as dangerous to civil liberty in their tendencies upon the age in which we live, and deprecating the evil growing out of such discussion, which cannot fail to impress itself upon the young and rising generation, who are soon to take our places upon the great theatre of action, and with whom will soon rest the responsibility of receiving at our hands a government unimpaired, we hope, by any act of ours, and transmitting it, “still one and undivided,” to our common posterity. Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That we view the dissolution of the Union of the States as an event not to be contemplated by any true friend of his country, and to protect us from which calamity we firmly rely on the patriotism of Congress, supported by the wisdom of that benignant Providence which sustained our country in the darkness of the revolution, and secured to our forefathers the civil blessings which we have thus far enjoyed as a nation of freemen.

And be it further resolved, That we view with feelings of deep satisfaction and pride the patriotic efforts of our own distinguished statesman, Lewis Cass, to preserve the peace, harmony, stability and union of the States, as giving an undeniable assurance that Michigan will not be found, under any circumstances, or in the least degree, accessory to the possible dismemberment of the Union—that she will, in the emphatic language of Gen. Cass, “cling to the Constitution as the mariner clings to the last plank when night and the tempest have closed around him.”

And be it further resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the preamble and these resolutions to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, with the great seal of State thereto attached, and that those officers be respectfully requested to lay the same before the Houses over which they respectively preside; and that in like manner he be requested to transmit one copy to Lewis Cass, U. S. Senator from this state.

Mr. Stockton moved their adoption, and asked the previous question thereon.

The previous question was seconded, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Beers,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,

Mr. Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

33

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Mr. Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,

Mr. Montgomery,
Morton,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

30

Mr. Clarke moved a call of the House.

Which motion did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Montgomery,

Mr. Morton,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

29

NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Beers,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,

Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,

J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Winchell,
Speaker,

34

Mr. Sedgwick moved that the House do now adjourn.

But the House refused to adjourn, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Fowle,
Green,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Leach,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Strowbridge,

17

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,
Kennedy,

Mr. Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

45

Mr. Clarke moved a call of the House.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Green,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,

Mr. Lester,
Montgomery,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Strowbridge,

19

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,

Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Millspaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

39

Mr. Leach moved that the House adjourn.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Green,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,

Mr. Lester,
Montgomery,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,

15

NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

41

Mr. Otis rose to address the House.

The Speaker decided him out of order.

Mr. Clarke appealed from the decision of the chair.

The question being, "shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the House?" it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,

Mr. Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,

Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,

Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

0

Mr. Clarke moved to reconsider the last vote,

Which the Speaker decided out of order; and

Mr. Clarke appealed from the decision of the chair.

Pending which,

Mr. Sedgwick moved that the House adjourn; but the House refused to adjourn, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Fowle,
Hussey,
Jones,
King,

Mr. Leach,
Lester,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,

13

NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Gidley,
Green,,
Hall,
Hooker,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Norton,
- Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The question being, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the House?" it was decided in the affirmative, as follows;

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Price,
Quackenbush,
Renwick,
Roberts,

Beers,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

53

NAYS:

Mr. Morton,

1

Mr. Morton moved that the House do now take up the special order of the day.

The Speaker decided the motion out of order.

Mr. Clarke appealed from the decision of the chair.

The question being, Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the House?

The same was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

41

NAYS.

Mr. Clarke,
Fowle,

Mr. Morton,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Root,

5

Mr. Sloan moved that the House do now adjourn.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Fowle,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,

Mr. Lester,
Montgomery,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Strowbridge, 18

NAYS.

Mr. Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

37

Mr. Clarke moved a call of the House.

Which the Speaker decided in order.

Mr. Movius appealed from the decision of the chair.

Pending which, Mr. Clarke moved to take up the special order of the day.

The Speaker decided the motion not in order.

Mr. Clarke appealed from the decision of the chair.

Mr. Mead arose to address the House.

The Speaker decided Mr. Mead not in order.

Mr. Mead appealed from the decision of the chair, but the chair decided he could not entertain the appeal.

The question recurring on the appeal of Mr. Clark, and it being, shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the House? it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Dennis,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Lester,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,

Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hooker,
Hudson,

McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,

Sloan,
Snow,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

40

NAYS:

Mr. Clarke,
Hall,

Mr. King,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Smith,
Stockton,

6

Mr. Hussey moved that the House do now adjourn.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hussey,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,

Mr. Montgomery,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Strowbridge,

17

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Burrows,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy.

Mr. Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Root,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Wilson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The question recurring on the appeal of Mr. Movius, and it being, shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the House? the same was decided in the negative, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,

Mr. Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,

Mr. Montgomery,
Morton,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Strowbridge,

26

NAYS.

Mr. Axford, Beers, Burrows, Cartter, Colvin, Dox, Hooker, Hudson, Hussey, Irvine, Ives, Kennedy,	Mr. Kenyon, Kneeland, Martin, McCarty, Mead, Millspaugh, Moore, Movius, Norton, Noyes, Otis, J. B. Pierce,	Mr. Price, Roberts, Sackett, Smith, Snow, Spencer, Stockton, Street, Welles, Willson, Winchell,
		35

Mr. Clarke moved that the House adjourn; but the House refused to adjourn, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott, Barnes, Chamberlain, Clarke, Duncan,	Mr. Green, Hussey, Jones, Kellogg, King,	Mr. Leach, Lester, Renwick, Sedgwick, Sloan,
		15

NAYS:

Mr. Axford, Barlow, Beers, Bonham, Britain, Burrows, Colvin, Dennis, Dox, Hooker, Hudson, Ives, Kennedy,	Mr. Kenyon, Kneeland, Martin, McCarty, Mead, Millspaugh, Moore, Movius, Norton, Noyes, Otis, J. B. Pierce, N. Pierce,	Mr. Price, Roberts, Root, Sackett, Smith, Snow, Spencer, Stockton, Street, Welles, Willson, Winchell,
		33

The question being, "Shall the main question be now put?" the main question was ordered as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford, Burrows, Cartter, Colvin, Dennis, Dox, Hooker,	Mr. Martin, McCarty, Mead, Millspaugh, Montgomery, Moore, Morton,	Mr. Price, Quackenboss, Roberts, Sackett, Smith, Snow, Stockton,
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Hudson
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

37

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Powle,

Mr. Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,

Mr. Lester,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,

26

Mr. Clark moved a call of the House.

Which the Speaker decided not in order.

Mr. Leach moved that the House adjourn.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,

Mr. Montgomery,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,

21

NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The main question being, Shall the resolutions be adopted by the House?

Pending the call of the roll,

Mr. Clarke moved that Mr. Bonham be excused from voting.

But the House refused, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Britain,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Kenyon,

Mr. Mead,
Moore,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Sackett,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Morton,
Movius,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Winchell,

37

Mr. Bonham then voted in the affirmative.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,

Mr. Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenbosc,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,

Mr. Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Montgomery,
Morton,
N. Pierce,

Beers,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,

Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge, 27

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved that the House adjourn.

Which the Speaker having decided in order,

Mr. Clarke appealed from the decision of the chair.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Noyes,

The House adjourned.

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Afternoon Session.

½ past two o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

MES-AGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 18, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted,

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Breedsville Plank Road Company, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

Said bill was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Leech offered the following:

Resolved, That the following resolutions, reported to the Democratic Senatorial Convention, held at Ionia, on the 2d of Oct. last, by S. G. Harris, Esq chairman of committee on resolutions, and adopted by that convention, fully express the views of this House, in relation to slavery in the territories, viz:

Resolved, That we are in favor of the fundamental principles of the Ordinance of 1787; and we believe that Congress has the power, and that it is their duty to prohibit by legislative enactment, the introduction or existence of Slavery within any Territory of the United States, now or hereafter to be acquired.

Resolved, That in the glorious workings of the Ordinance of 1787, as extended over the North West Territory, under which prohibition of Slavery, such exhibitions of happiness and prosperity as have been evinced in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa, we recognize our duty to "do unto others as we have been done by," and to forever rid the fair country of New Mexico and California of the blighting curse of involuntary servitude.

Resolved, That we hope and believe that a bill will be passed by Congress, for the government of New Mexico and California, embracing the principles of the Ordinance of 1787; and that the same will be presented to Gen. Zachary Taylor for his signature.

Mr. Noyes moved to refer them to the special order for Saturday next.

Mr. Morton moved the previous question, which was seconded as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Kenwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Britain,
Hayden,
Kenyon,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. Sacket,
Smith,
Street,

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The question being, shall the main question be now put?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The main question being, shall the resolutions be adopted by the House?

It was decided in the negative, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leech,
Lester,
Morton,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Ons,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce,

Leave was granted Brig. Gen. Heber Cowden to withdraw his petition from the files of the House.

Mr. Kneeland gave notice that on some future day he should ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841.

Mr. Otis, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to alter the township line between Springwells and Greenfield in the county of Wayne.

Said bill was read twice and referred to the committee on towns and counties.

Mr. Clarke asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorize

school district No. 2 in the township of Holland, to borrow money to build a school house.

Said bill was read twice, ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand River Plank Road Company, was taken from the table.

Mr. Barlow moved to insert the following proviso:

“ That if the Galesburgh and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company shall within one year of the passage of this act, construct one-half of their road from Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent, to Barnes’ mill, in the county of Allegan, and within two years construct the remainder of their road between Grand Rapids and Barnes’ mill, then, in that case, the right of the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company to construct their road north of Barnes’ mill, on the line of the Galesburg and Grand Rapids Company, shall cease.”

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Clark,

The bill was then referred to the order of the third reading of bills.

Mr. Irvine gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend title 21 of chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Mr. Chamberlin asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to vacate the village plat of New Milwaukee City, in the township of Burkville, in the county of St. Clair.

Said bill was read twice and referred to the committee on towns and counties.

M. Roberts offered the following:

Resolved, That the special order of the day be postponed until half-past two o’clock, to-morrow.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Otis asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to present the petition of A. Williams and others, praying for an act to incorporate a plank road company.

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

A bill to authorize the Governor to convey certain lands,
Having been read a third time, Mr. Britain moved a call of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

Roll called. Messrs. Axford, Carter, McCarty, Moore, Norton, Roberts and Winchell absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The Sergeant-at-arms was dispatched after the absentees; when

On motion of Mr. Britain,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

And the bill was placed on the order of third reading of bills for to-morrow.

A bill to provide for paying certain expenses incurred and authorized by the Adjutant General in securing and repairing arms, ordnance and accoutrements, belonging to the State,

Was read a third time and passed, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Montgomery,	
Barlow,	Hall,	Morton,	
Beers,	Hayden,	Movius,	
Bonham,	Hudson,	Otis,	
Britain,	Irvine,	J. B. Pierce,	
Burrows,	Ives,	Price,	
Chamberlin,	Kellogg,	Quackenboss,	
Colvin,	Kennedy,	Sackett,	
Clarke,	Kenyon,	Sloan,	
Dennis,	King,	Stockton,	
Dox,	Martin,	Street,	
Duncan,	Mead,	Willson,	
Fowle,	Millspough,	Speaker,	39

NAYS.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Leach,	Mr. Root,	
Gidley,	Lester,	Sedgwick,	
Hooker,	Norton,	Smith,	
Hussey,	Noxes,	Snow,	
Jones,	N. Pierce,	Spencer,	
Kneeland,	Renwick,	Stowbridge,	18

A bill to authorize Wm. Welles, administrator, and Catharine Cusick, administratrix, on the estate of Clark S. Cusick, to convey certain real estate; and

A bill to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a State Normal School;

Were read a third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Cassopolis and Dowagiac Plank Road Company, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Alead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,

Mr. Norton,
Otis.
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Welles,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Hall,

Mr. Hus-ey,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Noyes,
Price,

Mr. Spencer,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Speaker,

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A bill to lay out and improve a State Road from Hastings, in the county of Barry, to Ionia, in the county of Ionia; and

Joint Resolutions relative to a certain sum of money stolen from the Post Office, belonging to the state,

Were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to authorize the erection of county work houses, and for the correction and punishment of vagrants and other persons, being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The amendments of the committee of the whole were concurred in in gross.

Mr. Strowbridge moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

But the House refused to strike out by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Mead,	Mr. Sedgwick,
Beers,	Millspaugh,	Sloan,
Colvin,	Montgomery,	Spencer,
Green,	Noyes,	Street,
Hall,	Otis,	Strowbridge,
Hooker,	Quackenboss,	Welles,
Kenyon,	Renwick,	Winchell,
Leach,	Sackett,	Speaker,
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NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Morton,
Bonham,	Hussey,	Movius,
Britain,	Irvine,	Norton,
Burrows,	Ives,	J. B. Pierce,
Chamberlin,	Jones,	N. Pierce,
Clarke,	Kellogg,	Price,
Dennis,	Kennedy,	Smith,
Dox,	King,	Snow,
Gidley,	Lester,	Willson,
Hayden,	Martin,	
		29

Mr. Wilson moved to lay the bill on the table. Lost.

The question being on ordering it to a third reading it was not so ordered, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hayden,	Mr. Martin,
Barlow,	Hudson,	Morton,
Barnes,	Hussey,	Movius,
Bonham,	Jones,	Norton,
Chamberlin,	Kellogg,	J. B. Pierce,
Clarke,	King,	N. Pierce,
Dennis,	Leach,	Price,
Dox,	Lester,	Snow,
Hall,		
		25

NAYS:

Mr. Beers,	Mr. Mead,	Mr. Smith,
Britain,	Millspaugh,	Spencer,
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Stockton,
Green,	Noyes,	Street,
Hooker,	Otis,	Strowbridge,
Irvine,	Quackenboss,	Welles,
Ives,	Renwick,	Willson,
Kennedy,	Sackett,	Winchell,
Kenyon,	Sedgwick,	Speaker,
Kneeland,	Sloan,	
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A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Genesee Plank Road Company, being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

All after the enacting clause was stricken out, and,

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

The enacting clause was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to amend chapter 53 of the revised statutes of 1846, being under consideration,

The 1st amendment of the committee of the whole was concurred in.

Mr. Hayden moved to amend the 2d amendment by adding the following:

“Provided, that this act shall not be construed to affect or apply to any real estate or lands of this state not organized into school districts.”

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Axford moved to amend the 2d amendment by adding the following:

“Provided, That there shall not be any increase of taxes as contemplated by the provisions of this act, unless a majority of the legal voters of the township at the annual township meeting shall vote in favor of increasing the tax as contemplated by the provisions of this act.”

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Street moved to amend the 2d amendment by adding the following;

“Provided, that this act shall not be so construed as to apply to the township of Bertrand in Berrien county.

Which motion did not prevail.

The 2d amendment was then concurred in, by the following vote:

YEAS

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dennis,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Lester,

Mr. Montgomery,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Duncan,
Green,
Hall,

Martin,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,

Sacket,
Stowbridge,
Wilson, 30

NAYS

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Bonham,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hyden,
Hooker,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Morton,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,

Mr. Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Winchell,
Speaker, 27

The 3d amendment was concurred in.

The 4th non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The bill was then amended, as follows:

The supervisor of each township, on the delivery of the warrant for the collection of taxes to the township treasurer, shall also deliver to said treasurer a written statement certified by him of the amount of the taxes levied under section 107 of said chapter upon any property lying within the bounds of a fractional school district, a part of which is situate within his township, and the returns of which are made to the clerk of some other township; and the said township treasurer shall pay to the township treasurer of such other township, the amount of the taxes so levied, and certified to him for the use of such fractional school district.

Each treasurer of a township to the clerk of which the returns of any fractional school district shall be made, shall apply to the treasurer of any other township in which any part of such fractional school district may be situate, for any money to which such district may be entitled; and when so received, it shall be certified to the township clerk, and apportioned in the same manner as other taxes for school purposes.

Also, as follows:

"The board of school inspectors shall have power to suspend the operation of section 115 of said chapter whenever they shall be of opinion that the convenience or the interests of the people of their

township will be promoted thereby, and to restore the same as in their judgment they shall think best."

Mr. N. Pierce offered the following, to come in at the end of section 10:

"And provided further, that there shall be a poll tax of fifty cents upon every male citizen who is entitled to vote at the elections in this state, which tax shall be assessed, levied and collected annually in the same manner and at the same time that other taxes are assessed, levied and collected in the respective cities, vilages and towns in this state, and when so collected shall be applied for the support of primary schools in the same manner and under the same direction as other moneys are applied for the support of primary schools."

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, March 20, 1850.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called. Messrs. Irvine, McCarty and Roberts absent without leave, and Messrs. Carpenter and Scott with leave.

Mr. Bonham asked to correct the journal so that it would show that he voted for the resolutions relating to slavery, with a qualification.

Mr. Root moved that Mr. Bonham's vote be returned to him.

Mr. N. Pierce moved to amend Mr. Root's motion so that it would read: "Mr. Bonham's name shall be stricken out of the list of the yeas and nays on the adoption of said resolutions." Lost.

The journal was then approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported a bill to incorporate the Union Hall Association of the city of Monroe, and recommended its passage.

Also, a bill to amend an act to revive and continue in force an act to incorporate the Peninsular Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, the first named

bill was read twice, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The second named bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, to whom was referred the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on education be instructed to inquire whether the practice of smoking in this Hall be not detrimental to the health of the members of this House;

Respectfully report that the resolution assumes as a fact that the practice of smoking does prevail in the Hall of the House of Representatives; and, as there is some ambiguity in the kind of smoking alluded to, your committee desire for greater explicitness to say that the stove pipes are not, as has been intimated, in any degree to blame; they perform their duty in a manner perfectly satisfactory to all concerned. But, unfortunately, the same cannot be said of all pipes in use here; for there are many, which from the odor they emit, may be reasonably suspected of a diligent pursuit of a most disagreeable vocation from a time whereof the memory of the present smokers runneth not to the contrary. They are daily growing worse, and by the aid of various combinations of tobacco, of every variety of offensiveness, the practice, in the language of a distinguished British statesman, "has increased, is increasing and ought to be diminished."

As to its influence on the health of the members of this House, your committee can only give their opinions inferentially.

If that which produces nausea of the most disagreeable kind, if that which pollutes the air so as to be unfit for the respiration demanded by nearly a hundred pair of lungs from six to eight hours a day, and if the currents of air which are created by the lowering of the windows in order to modify in some degree the evil, be detrimental to health, then there can be no doubt that the smokers and the smoked are all in the same category of danger, from which there is no escape for the latter, but in the forbearance and gentlemanly consideration of the former.

There is another consideration which your committee feel bound

to urge, suggested probably by the relation which they hold to the educational concerns of the State, which is, that a practice which would not be tolerated for a day in any district school in the State, can hardly be justified in this Hall, even by all the intelligence, wisdom, genius, talents, patriotism, good looks and good manners which are here collectively embodied, and your committee will not believe that even the most helpless victim of this most pernicious practice will upon due consideration persist here, in what even on a steam boat, "abaft the shaft," would be regarded as an offence justifying the summary administration of the police of the boat.

Your committee would observe further, that as there is often in the practice of smoking a degree of "involuntary servitude," from which it is even more difficult to escape than for an intelligent slave to follow the north star to freedom, against which a portion of your committee might desire to provide by the most positive prohibitory enactments, yet they are willing to set an example of forbearance in the pressure of this particular measure, which they hope will be appreciated by the House, and on the contrary, they suggest that the application of the remedy be left to the courtesy and sense of propriety of each individual member and officer of this House.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Kenyon, from the committee on state affairs, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an act to grant to school districts and religious denominations of christians, suitable grounds for buildings, and also for other purposes, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 77, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the

House without action, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill,

On motion of Mr. ———

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

An act to incorporate the Paw Paw and Lawrence Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to lay out and construct a certain plank road, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849;

An act to incorporate the Paw Paw and Schoolcraft Plank Road Company;

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1848;

An act to incorporate the Niles and State Line Plank Road Company; and

An act to incorporate the Romeo Plank Road Company.

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Spencer offered the following:

Resolved, That the Librarian be instructed to report to this House, if practicable, the number and value of the books belonging to and in the state Library, in the year 1837; also, in the year 1840 and 1841. And also, the number and value of the books remaining in the state Library at the present time; the number or proportionate number of the missing books; together with the names of the persons who have had charge of the Library since 1840; also, the number and value of the books received during the period since 1840, by purchase or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Spencer, also, offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to prepare, so far as practicable, the appropriation bill for the action of this House, on or before the 25th instant.

The Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Barlow gave notice that on some future day, he shall ask leave to introduce a bill authorizing the township of Baltimore, in the county of Barry, to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road.

Mr. Movius offered the following:

Resolved, That House bill No. 130, being a bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Railroad Company, be made the special order on to-morrow, at half past two o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Mr. Cartter offered the following:

Resolved, That George S. Lester be excused from farther attendance as a member of this House after Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

Adopted.

Mr. Kneeland, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841.

The bill was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Morton moved to take from the table Senate bill No. 86,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act in aid of the Michigan State Agricultural Society.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Cartter moved to take from the table House bills 115, 116, and 117, and refer them to the order of unfinished business.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Spencer moved to take from the table House bill No. 78.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereof.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Movius moved to recommit the bill to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to strike out sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and to insert the following.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereof.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan*, That the common council of the village of Ypsilanti, shall not raise by tax on property more than one hundred dollars in any one year, without the vote of the electors of said village approving such taxation in the manner as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Whenever said common council shall deem it necessary to raise a greater sum of money than one hundred dollars, they shall obtain the consent of the electors of said village in the following manner, viz: they shall give notice thereof in writing, to be posted in five of the most public places in said village, at least ten days before the time of such meeting, which notice shall state the time and place of such meeting, and shall specify the objects and purposes for which the money proposed to be raised shall be expended.

Sec. 3. When the electors of said village are so assembled, they shall by a viva voce vote, determine the amount of money which shall be raised for each object, so named and specified in the notice of such meeting: Provided, That no greater sum shall be raised in any one year than is now authorized by the existing laws.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Spencer moved to recommit the bill with instructions to insert the following:

Provided, That nothing in this act shall interfere with or prevent the collection of any tax levied or assessed in said village before the passage of this act.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Quackenboss moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolutions offered by Mr. Leach on yesterday, which were "reported to the democratic senatorial convention held at Ionia on the second day of October last," was lost.

Mr. Otis moved to refer the motion for reconsideration to the special order for Saturday next.

The last motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the State Land Office to the seat of government, and to revive certain laws relative thereto, was taken from the table.

The question being on the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Noyes, the same was not adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Fowle,
Jones,
Morton,

Mr. Noyes,
Root,

Mr. Sloan,
Spencer,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Stockton,

The bill was referred to a select committee of three.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Stockton, Mead and Clark such committee.

Mr. Lester asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of House bills 120 and 141.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlin,

The rules were suspended and the bills read a third time and passed.

Mr. Britain asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the

House to introduce a bill to provide for the appraisal of certain lands in Berrien county.

Said bill was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Dennis gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the laws relative to county courts.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Joint resolution relative to a certain sum of money stolen from the post office, belonging to the state, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,

Mr. Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenbush,
Roberts,
Sedgwick,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Jones,
Kneeland,
Leach,

Mr. Minton,
Norton,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Root,

Mr. Sacket,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Welles,
Winchell,

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Mr. Mead moved to amend the title by striking out the words "belonging to the state," and inserting "the same having been" between the words "money" and "stolen," and add the words "at Kalamazoo."

Which did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Noyes, the words "alleged to have been," were inserted in the title, between the words "money" and "stolen."

A bill to lay out, establish and improve a state road from Hastings in the county of Barry, to Ionia in the county of Ionia, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Britain,

A bill to authorize the Governor to convey certain lands, was laid on the table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The bill to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes of 1846, being under consideration,

Mr. Clarke moved to recommit to the committee on education, with instructions to strike out the House amendments thereto.

Mr. Axford moved to indefinitely postpone the whole subject.

Mr. Mill-paugh moved a call of the House.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question recurring on the motion to indefinitely postpone, the same did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Colvin,
Dor,
Fowle,
Gidlev,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Ives,
Fenon,
Martin,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sloan,
Smith,
Street,
Welles,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Mill-paugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Hudson moved to adjourn. Lost.

The question then being on Mr. Clarke's motion to recommit, the same prevailed.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 20, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act authorizing a connection between the Detroit and Pontiac and Oakland and Ottawa Railroads, and for other purposes.

An act to incorporate the Mud Street Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Romeo Plank Road Company;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to lay out and construct a certain plank road, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849;

An act for the relief of the several school districts in the townships of Allen, Camden and Somerset in the county of Hilldale;

An act to incorporate the Mason and Jackson Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Paw Paw and Lawrence Plank Road Company;

An act to vacate a part of the plat of the village of Mason in the township of Coldwater in the county of Branch;

An act to incorporate the Breedsville and South Haven Plank Road Company;

An act relative to town plats;

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1848;

An act to incorporate the Niles and State Line Plank Road Company;

An act to change the name of the township of Sheboygan, in the county of Michilimackinac;

An act to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company; and

Joint resolutions in relation to land selected by the state for saline purposes.

JNO. S. BARRY.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce.

The House adjourned.

*Afternoon Session.**½ past 2 o'clock.*

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called. A quorum present.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Morton in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon arose and by their chairman reported back the following bills:

1. A bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company;
2. A bill to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company;
3. A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company;
4. A bill to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company;
5. A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company;
6. A bill to amend the act to incorporate the Minnesota Mining Company, approved March 7, 1849;
7. A bill to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company;
8. A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company;
9. A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company;
10. A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company;
11. A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company;
12. A bill to incorporate the Peninsula Mining Company;
13. A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company;
14. A bill to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company; and
15. A bill to form a board of Supervisors for the county of Chippewa;

To which they had made sundry amendments, asked the concurrence of the House therein, and to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendments to the 6th named bill were concurred in and the bill as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The 5th named bill being under consideration,

Mr. Clarke moved to strike out in 2d line of section 11, the words "after the limitation thereof."

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Sedgwick,

The blank was filled by inserting "for any violation thereof."

On motion of Mr. Roberts,

The words "or for school and highway purposes" were inserted at the end of section 4.

Mr. Otis moved to amend as follows.

Strike out section 4 and insert in place thereof: "the said company shall be liable to be assessed and taxed for all their capital stock and all other property, the same as any other property now is or may hereafter be by the laws of this state, for all purposes."

Which motion did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Hall,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Ives,
King,
Millspaugh,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
Root,
Sackett,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Irvine,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Renwick,
Roberts,
Sedgwick,
Slom,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stekton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Noyes moved to strike out section 4, and insert the following:

Sec. 4. The said company shall pay to the Treasurer of the state of Michigan, an annual tax of one per centum on the whole amount of the capital actually paid in upon the capital stock of said company; and also, upon all sums of money borrowed by said company; which tax shall be paid on the first Monday of July in each year, and shall be assessed upon the last preceding report of said company, and for that purpose, the President and Secretary thereof, shall on the first day of January in each year, or within fifteen days previous thereto, make under their hands, a return to the State Treasurer, verified by their several oaths, stating the amount which has been actual-

ly paid in on the capital stock of said company; and also, the whole amount of money which at any time has been borrowed by said company; and said tax shall be in lieu of all other taxes on the personal property of said company, and in lieu of all state taxes on the real estate of said company, and any investment of any portion of the nett profits of said company in the business of said company, shall be considered as so much capital paid in, and shall be included in the returns to the state treasurer hereinbefore required.

Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Roberts moved to refer all the above named bills relative to mining companies to the committee on mines and minerals, with instructions to insert the amendments made by the House to the bill just ordered engrossed for a third reading, and also to enquire into the expediency of a $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. tax for county and township purposes.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Clarke moved to reconsider the votes on striking out all after the enacting clause and indefinitely postponing the enacting clause of a bill to incorporate the Genesee Plank Road Company.

Which, on motion of Mr. Sedgwick,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to incorporate the Royal Oak and Rochester Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Howell and Byron Plank Road Company; and,

A bill to organize the township of Bushnell.

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Snow,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, March 21, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave.

The journal was corrected and approved.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Barlow: the petition of all the citizens of Baltimore, for authority to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 69, to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes, with instructions to strike out all the amendments made to said bill by the House, respectfully report, that they have amended the bill in the manner directed by the House, and herewith report the same back to the House, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the order of unfinished business.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill to alter the township line between Springwells and Greenfield, in the county of Wayne, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. AXFORD, Ch'n.

The committee on the organization of towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill to vacate the village plat of New Milwaukie city, in the Township of Birchville in the county of St. Clair, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The reports were accepted, the committee discharged, and said bills ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on mines and minerals, to whom were referred several bills to incorporate mining companies, and bills for other pur-

poses, relating to the Upper Peninsula of this state, with instructions, respectfully report:

That they have had the same under consideration and conformed to instructions so far as amending the bills in relation to mining incorporations, that they may be uniform with the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading, and report the same back to the House, asking to be discharged from their further consideration in that respect.

That in relation to the latitude given the committee of reporting in respect to the propriety of adhering to the practice heretofore obtained of exacting from these companies "one per centum per annum on the personal and real estate of said companies in lieu of all other taxes whatever," or of releasing the "personal property of some of the companies from *all other taxes*, and their real estate from all other state tax," your committee unhesitatingly express their regret that there has not been better provisions interposed for the convenience of, if not for the protection of the inhabitants of that section of country.

That it was wise or unwise, constitutional or unconstitutional, on the part of former legislative bodies, to enact such statutes as they have in relation to that region of country, your committee do not consider themselves instructed to manifest a direct opinion; but as to the propriety of fixing upon the proposed amendment conforming to the established charters in the amount of one per centum, with added regulations by statute to divide that one per cent pro rata between the state on the one hand, and the counties wherein these mineral companies may be located, they do not hesitate to say that it is, in their opinion, the most advisable course to be pursued—that if a clause added to these bills, and to be added and attached as modifications to like incorporations granted in 1848-'9, can be accomplished so as to command the payment of one-half per cent into the state treasury for state purposes, and one-half per cent into the respective county treasuries wherein these companies are located, subject to appropriation for county, township, school and highway purposes, by the board of supervisors for such respective counties, it will be the means of rendering justice to all parties concerned, and a source of gratification to all—to the people of the state, of the coun-

ties, of the townships, the non-resident stockholders and the public interest in general.

Your committee arrive to such conclusion from the peculiar position of the region of country in which these bills, in the action being had upon them, have immediate reference. A country which is attracting deep and lively attention to its interests; a country which embraces more than 20,000 square miles; including within its boundaries all that part of the public domain lying within the territorial limits of the sovereignty of Michigan north of the boundaries of the islands of Lakes Superior, Huron and Michigan, and in Green Bay, the straits of Mackinac, and the river Ste Marie, within the jurisdiction of the United States; a country isolated in geographical position almost from the rest of the world, but a country which the God of nature has bestowed upon its face the most bountiful gifts of his handiwork, and embedded in its bosom the richest treasures of his hand; a country known to contain the richest and most extensive mineral wealth as yet discovered, the more valuable fisheries, great advantages in agricultural soil, and a vast commerce of inland seas, if but opened and fostered.

It seems then, to be requisite to enlist and secure foreign capital, that liberal and enlarged legislation should be extended. The capitalist remote from the scene of action, although willing to pay reasonable taxes, is ever anxious to know, before making his advances, what those taxes may amount to, and if they can, under such circumstances as those connected with these mining companies, be fixed safely as sufficient to cover all present or anticipated tax for the thirty years to come, state, county and township, your committee believe such feature should be engrafted upon these bills, and they are of the opinion that it can be, and that it will have the effect of a healthy compromise of the matter with all concerned.

E. J. ROBERTS,
JOHN D. IRVINE.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged and said bill referred to the order of unfinished business.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill requiring the Auditor General to cancel certain securities executed to him under the general banking law, report the

same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also, the committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the publication of certain laws, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report it back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill ordered printed, and referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also, the committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the appraisal of certain lands in Berrien, beg leave to report the same back to the House and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Breeds-ville Plank Road Company, report it back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The same committee, to whom was referred, with instructions, a bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, report the same as instructed, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill referred to the order of third reading of bills.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, from the select committee appointed to inquire concerning the character of a certain report alleged to have been made by the Faculty of the University to the board of Regents, made a report in writing.

Which, on motion of Mr. Morton,

Was laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. Hussey, from the minority of the select committee to whom was referred the bill to protect our citizens from the claims of slaveholders or their agents for the capture or arrest of fugitive slaves, made a report in writing.

Mr. Morton moved that the report be laid on the table and ordered printed.

Which motion prevailed, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Jones,
Ke'logg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,

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NAYS:

Mr. Cartter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hooker,
Ives,
Kneeland,

Mr. McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Roberts,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Colvin moved that 5000 copies be printed for the use of the House.

Which, on motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

Was indefinitely postponed.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 20, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to change the names of Louis, Henry, Aaron and Samuel Freudenthaler;

An act to incorporate the Paw Paw and Schoolcraft Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Marshall and Ionia Plank Road Company;

An act to authorize Morris S. Allen and his wife to convey certain real estate;

An act to amend act No. 165 of the session laws of 1848, entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, approved April 1, 1848;

An act to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Hastings and Yankee Springs Plank Road Company;

An act to modify an act to incorporate the Quincy Mining Company, approved March, 30, 1848;

An act to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Plainfield Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Plank Road Company;

An act to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township of Ronald in the county of Ionia to alter a state road in said township;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Coldwater Plank Road Company;

An act to authorize Julia H. Spencer and Jeanette A. Spencer to convey certain real estate;

An act to repeal act No. 53 of the session laws of 1848, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of the heirs of James H. Welling; and

Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals and documents of the Legislature for the year 1850.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 20, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to organize the township of Bushnell.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Also the following from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, March 21, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a joint resolution relative to the claim of Heber Cowden, which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

Said resolution was read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, March 20, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted,

1. A bill to extend the time in which the treasurer of St. Clair county may receive returns of taxes from treasurers of Ira and Clay for the year 1849;

2. A bill to amend chapter 5th of the revised statutes of 1846;

3. A bill to incorporate the Piscataqua Mining Company of Michigan;

Which several bills, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have passed, the last by a two-thirds vote. Also,

4. A joint resolution for the relief of Andrew V. Booskirk, and others; and,

5. Joint resolution relative to furnishing certain laws, journals and documents to the Michigan State Agricultural Society, for the use of a library;

Which the Senate have also passed, and in all of which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The 1st named bill was read twice and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The 2d named was read twice and ordered laid on the table.

The 3d named was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The joint resolution 1st named was read twice and referred to the committee on claims

The second named read twice and referred to committee on agriculture and manufactures,

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 20, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to transmit herewith,

A bill to encourage emigration, with the objections of the Governor to the approval thereof, and to inform you that upon a reconsideration thereof, the Senate have agreed to pass the same by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

Mr. Morton moved to refer the bill to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Dennis moved to lay the bill and message on the table.

Which motion did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Mr. Hall,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kenned-~~e~~,
King,
Lester,
Martin,
Montgomery,

Mr. Morton,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,

Mr. Jones,

Mr. N. Pierce,

Axford,
Britain,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Price,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

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The question then recurring on the motion to refer, the same was withdrawn.

Mr. Mead renewed the motion to refer.

Mr. Roberts moved to lay the bill and message on the table, and that they be made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Which motion did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barnes,
Beers,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Mead,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Stockton,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barrow,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Dox,
Fowler,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Ives,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

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The question recurring on the motion to refer, it was lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy
King,
Leach,
Lester,

Mr. Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Morton,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Speaker,

32.

NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Mr. Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,

Mr. Roberts,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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Mr. Britain, in addressing the House, having encroached on the rule limiting to 10 minutes, had leave, on motion of Mr Cartter, to proceed.

Mr. Sedgwick moved that the House adjourn.

But the House refused to adjourn, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bar ow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Hall,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,
Lester,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Sloan,
Smith,

Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson
Ives,

Millspaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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The House then proceeded to the reconsideration of the bill; and the question being on its passage, the vote was taken thereon agreeably to the provisions of the constitution, and the House refused to pass the same, by yeas and nays, two-thirds of the members present not voting therefor, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell.
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. Ives,
Kneeland,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

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On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce,
The House adjourned.

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Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Hussey in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose and by their chairman reported back to the House,

A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Railroad Company, to which they had made amendments in which they asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill being under consideration,

The 1st amendment was non-concurred in.

The 2d amendment,

On motion of Mr. Britain,

Was amended by striking out "10" and inserting "5," and the amendment was then concurred in.

The third amendment was concurred in.

The fourth amendment was non-concurred in.

The fifth amendment was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

All after the word "company," in the 4th line of section 17, was stricken out.

The bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Hayden in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon arose, and by their chairman reported back the following bills, to which they had made no amendment, viz:

1. A bill to vacate the south half of block No. 6, in the village of Lawrence, in the county of Van Buren;

2. A bill to repeal certain acts, and a part of an act approved March 31, 1849;

3. A bill to amend sec. 24, chapter 84 of title 20 of the revised statutes;

4. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels;

5. A bill to amend an act to provide for the collection of a special tax for the improvement of the territorial or Vistula road in the counties of Lenawee and Hillsdale, approved March 17, 1847;

6. A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Oakland and Genesee;

7. A bill to authorize the trustees of the First Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jackson to execute a mortgage on certain real estate.

And the following with amendments, viz:

8. A bill to provide for laying out and establishing private roads;

9. A bill to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes of 1846;

10. A bill to amend chapter 20 of the revised statutes of 1846;

11. A bill to amend chapter 94 and section 2 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes of 1846;

12. A bill to amend section 85 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846;

13. A bill to regulate licenses, and for other purposes;

14. A bill to authorize cities, towns and villages to take stock in plank roads.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, March 22, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Gidley and Renwick were absent without leave, and Messrs. Carpenter, Lester and Scott with leave.

Mr. Welles asked and obtained leave indefinitely for Mr. Gidley on account of ill health.

Mr. Britain in like manner for Mr. Renwick.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. Wells: the petition of G. E. Coggeshall and 29 others, praying for the passage of an act authorizing Thomas Curtis and Thomas Seely to construct a race for mill purposes.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Beers: the petition of A. S. Williams and other citizens of Ionia county, requesting the Legislature to re-instruct our Senators in Congress to extend the provisions of the ordinance of 1787 over the territories of the United States.

Ordered laid on the table.

By Mr. Burrows: the petition of John A. Wendell, Albert Bennett and 115 other citizens of Oakland county, praying for a repeal of acts No. 191, 192 and 218 of session laws of 1849, respecting appropriating non-resident highway taxes on the several state roads running through said county.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the memorial of the Common Council of the village of Adrian, for authority to subscribe for stock in the Michigan Southern Railroad, and to issue the bonds of said village in payment of such subscription, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Barlow, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to incorporate the Decatur and St. Joseph Plank Road Company;

Which was signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the Senate joint resolution referring the claim of Heber Cowden to the board of state auditors, have had the same under consideration and directed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and,

On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce,

The rules were suspended and the joint resolution read a third time and passed.

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a very large bundle of petitions and remonstrances for and against altering the state road (that runs from Lansing to Battle Creek) in the township of Penfield, have had the same under consideration and made a report to the House adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners; but the House refusing to accept said report, referred the same back to the committee, who have since received letters and reports on both sides of the question, some saying that there has been more than \$200 worth of work done on said road, and others stating that all expenses have not been over \$25. Now your committee are bound to believe all those statements to be strictly true; therefore report a suitable bill to carry out the wishes of the petitioners to the House for their action, without any recommendations or expressing any views with regard to the propriety of the proposed alterations, and ask to be discharged from any further vexation on this subject.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was re'erred a bill to incorporate the Piscataqua Mining Company, report it back to the House and ask its reference to the committee on mines and minerals.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill was so referred.

Also, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported the following bill and recommended its passage:

A bill to incorporate the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill read twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

Preamble and resolution srelating to the Union.

Which wree signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Stockton, from the committee on state affairs, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the

State Land Office to the seat of government, and to revive certain laws relative to the same, reported the same back with amendments, recommended its passage and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and,

On motion of Mr. Morton,

Said bill was laid on the table and ordered printed.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 21, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted,

A bill to encourage immigration, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

Said bill was read twice.

Mr. Roberts moved to lay on the table and order the bill printed.

Which motion prevailed, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,
Kennedy.

Mr. Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Meed,
Millspaugh,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierca,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Fowle,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,

Mr. Martin,
Montgomery,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sloan,
Stockton,

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Mr. Movius moved to reconsider the last vote.

Which motion did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Martin,
Barlow,	Hayden,	Montgomery,
Beers,	Hussey,	Movius,
Chamberlin,	Jones,	Root,
Colvin,	Kellogg,	Sedgwick,
Clarke,	Kennedy,	Sloan,
Fowle,	Leach,	Stockton,
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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Kenyon,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Barnes,	King,	Roberts,
Bonham,	Kneeland,	Sacket,
Britain,	Mead,	Smith,
Burrows,	Millspaugh,	Snow,
Cartter,	Moore,	Spencer,
Dennis,	Morton,	Street,
Dox,	Norton,	Strowbridge,
Duncan,	Noyes,	Welles,
Green,	Otis,	Willson,
Hooker,	J. B. Pierce,	Winchell,
Hudson,	N. Pierce,	Speaker,
Ives,	Price,	33

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 21, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return the following entitled bills, viz:

1. A bill to incorporate the Union City and Fremont Plank Road Company;
2. A bill to incorporate the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company.
2. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Road Company; and,
4. A bill to incorporate the Cassopolis and Dowagiac Plank Road Company; and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have, by a two-thirds vote, concurred therein, the first named bill with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return:

5. A bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes;

6. A bill to change the name of Celestia Rebecca Richards;

7. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases;

8. A bill to lay out and establish a state road from Hastings in the county of Barry to Ionia in the county of Ionia; and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, each with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return:

9 A bill to provide for the laying out and establishing a state road from Lexington in Sanilac county to Point aux Barques in Huron county;

10. A bill to amend act No. 188, session laws of 1849, entitled an act to provide for laying out a state road from Ohio, north to the village of Hudson, approved March 31;

11. A bill to authorize C. C. Darling and B. F. Bailey to erect a dam across Grand River; and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred in the two first named and have passed a substitute for the last, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to transmit herewith,

12. A bill to incorporate the Swampscot Mining Company of Michigan; and

13. A bill to incorporate the Forest Mining Company, and to respectfully inform you the Senate have, by a two-thirds vote, passed the same and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

And to transmit also,

14. A bill changing the terms of the county courts in the counties of Mackinaw, Sanilac and Lapeer;

15. A bill to release to Mrs. Margaret Moore, the interest of the State in a certain lot in the city of Detroit;

16. A bill relative to purchasing certain maps for state offices and state library;

17. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually

due upon the part-paid five million loan bonds, approved April 1, 1848; and

18. A joint resolution instructing the Attorney General to notify Charles G. Hammond, late Auditor General of the State of Michigan, to return a certain sum of money drawn from the treasury without authority of law, and for other purposes; all of which the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The amendment to the 1st named bill was concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the bill ordered enrolled as amended.

The 2d, 3d and 4th named bills were ordered enrolled.

The 5th named bill being under consideration, the 1st, 2d and 3d amendments were concurred in.

The 4th amendment was concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Beers,	Mr. Kenneday,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Bonham,	Kneeland,	Price,	
Britain,	Leach,	Quackenboss,	
Burrows,	Martin,	Sloan,	
Cartter,	Mead,	Smith,	
Clarke,	Millsbaugh,	Stockton,	
Dennis,	Montgomery,	Street,	
Hall,	Moore,	Stowbridge,	
Hudson,	Morton,	Welles,	
Hussey,	Norton,	Willson,	
Ives,	Noyes,	Winchell,	
Kellogg,	J. B. Pierce,	Speaker,	36

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Fowle,	Mr. Kenyon,	
Barlow,	Green,	King,	
Chamberlin,	Hayden,	Root,	
Colvin,	Hooker,	Sackett,	
Dox,	Jones,	Snow,	
Duncan,			16

The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th amendments were concurred in, and the bill as amended was ordered enrolled.

The 6th, 7th and 8th named bills being under consideration, the

Senate amendments were concurred in, and the bills as amended ordered enrolled.

The 9th and 10th named bills were ordered enrolled.

The substitute to the 11th named bill was concurred in and ordered enrolled.

The 12th and 13th named bills were read twice and referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

The 14th read twice and referred to the judiciary committee.

The 15th to the committee on state affairs.

The 16th to the committee on state library.

The 17th to the committee on ways and means.

The 18th to the committee on state affairs.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Hayden offered the following preamble and resolutions relative to the preservation of the Union:

Whereas, a majority of this House did on the 18th inst., pass a resolution purporting and setting forth that great dangers, seen and unseen, threaten our beloved country; and by the adoption of said resolution by this House, we are justified in believing that such are the facts, and if so, this Legislature have a solemn and important duty to perform in making provision with all possible despatch to meet the emergency and ward off the threatened danger if possible, and, if not, be prepared to meet it with a firm and patriotic determination that not one glorious limb of this Union shall be lopped off or dissevered while we have stout hearts and ready and willing hands to defend it; and we now, here in this Hall, consecrated to the genius of Liberty and Union, swear anew our allegiance to this glorious Republic, by all our reverence for the immortal dead and by all our glorious recollections of the past; by all the blessings we now enjoy and by all our hopes and aspirations of the future, for ourselves and our children, that we will preserve the glorious inheritance bequeathed to us by our Fathers, and transmit it pure and entire to our children, or we will never survive its dissolution and ruin; and for the purpose of carrying out this declaration of principles to the fullest extent, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That there be and is hereby appropriated out of the gen-

eral funds of this state, not otherwise appropriated, one hundred thousand dollars, and placed at the disposal of the Executive, for the purpose of organizing the militia, procuring arms, ammunition, &c., to the end that we may be prepared to meet promptly any requisition from the general government to repel invasion, punish and suppress insurrection and rebellion, and in fine do all and singular the acts that may be necessary for the true honor and glory of our beloved country and most effectually preserve and protect it from all external and internal enemies.

And be it further Resolved, That we as conservators of the honor and glory of this state, having the most unbounded confidence in General Stockton, of Macomb, one of Michigan's most distinguished sons, whose long tried services, patriotism and devotion to his country as displayed on many a well-fought battle-field when night and the tempest was around him, deserves as the least mark of respect that we can pay him for sustaining and upholding our national flag and preserving our national honor, and protecting our sons in days that are past, and for the more recent and less bloodless but no less distinguished laurels he has won by his unsurpassed gallantry, politeness and devotion to America's fair daughters, all point to him as the master spirit of the age and gives us the blessed assurance that one so ready to conceive and so prompt to execute, arriving rapidly at conclusions as if by intuition, cutting off all caveling and debate, and bringing his disciplined forces to direct action on the main question, at once point him out as clearly as the noon-day sun, as the man pre-eminently qualified to lead on our patriotic armies to honored graves or a most glorious victory.

And be it further Resolved, That we most cordially and earnestly recommend him to the favorable consideration of his Excellency the Governor, as one eminently qualified for the appointment of General-in-Chief of the armies of this state.

And be it further Resolved, That as an earnest of our devotion to the Union and willingness to share in the danger and perils of its defence, that we do resolve ourselves into a body guard and pledge ourselves to each other and to the world and to our gallant Captain, that we will hold ourselves in readiness when the clarion note of war

shall be heard in our land, to rally around his glorious standard and bravely and gallantly sustain it through all the storms that cloud the brow of war or we find patriot graves beneath its ample folds.

Mr. Stockton moved to amend as follows:

Insert: "for the payment of the northern volunteers, called into service by order of General Taylor, to maintain an unjust and unholy war."

Mr. Otis moved to indefinitely postpone the whole subject.

Mr. Morton moved to lay the resolutions on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question recurring on the motion to indefinitely postpone,

The same prevailed.

Mr. Barlow, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize the township of Baltimore to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company.

The bill was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Britain asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to authorize Harriet J. Sergeant, Caroline Beckwith and Olive E. Carter to convey certain lands.

The bill was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Hussey offered the following:

Whereas, The present price of advertising lands to be sold for delinquent taxes in this State, is not in proportion to that of other printing; the tax sales of corporate limits being frequently advertised from five to ten cents for each description, while the State pays thirty;

And whereas, This is detrimental to State policy, oppressive to individual interest, and unjust to the tax-payers; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the committee on printing be instructed to inquire into the propriety, and if expedient to report a bill so to amend the statute laws, fixing the price of printing tax sales, not to exceed ten cents per description, for advertising such description of tax sales.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The preamble was stricken out.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Stockton asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Northern Michigan Telegraph Company.

The bill was read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Sedgwick gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Central Michigan Telegraph Company.

Mr. Beers, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to lay out and establish a certain state road.

The bill was read twice and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

A bill to amend the act to incorporate the Minesota Mining Company, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti and the act or acts amendatory thereto, being under consideration,

Mr. Movius moved to recommit to the committee on banks and incorporations with instructions to strike out sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and to insert the following:

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the common council of the village of Ypsilanti shall not raise by tax on property more than one hundred dollars in any one year without the vote of the electors of said village approving such taxation in the manner as hereinafter provided.*

Sec. 2. Whenever said common council shall deem it necessary to raise a greater sum of money than one hundred dollars, they shall obtain the consent of the electors of said village in the following manner, viz: they shall give notice thereof in writing, to be posted in five of the most public places in said village, at least ten days before the time of such meeting, which notice shall state the time and place of such meeting, and shall specify the objects and purposes for which the money proposed to be raised shall be expended.

Sec. 3. When the electors of said village are so assembled, they shall by a viva voce vote, determine the amount of money which shall be raised for each object so named and specified in the notice of such

meeting: Provided, That no greater sum shall be raised in any one year than is now authorized by the existing laws.

Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Axford,	Jones,	Root,	
Barlow,	Kellogg,	Sacket,	
Barnes,	King,	Sedgwick,	
Bonham,	Kneeland,	Sloan,	
Chamberlain,	Leach,	Smith,	
Colvin,	Martin,	Snow,	
Duncan,	Mead,	Spencer,	
Green,	Millspaugh,	Street,	
Hall,	Moore,	Strowbridge,	
Hayden,	Norton,	Welles,	
Hudson,	Noyes,	Speaker,	
Mr. Hussey,	Otis,		38

NAYS:

Mr. Beers,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Price,	
Britain,	Kenyon,	Roberts,	
Burrows,	Montgomery,	Stockton,	
Clarke,	Movius,	Willson,	
Dennis,	J. B. Pierce,		14

A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Railroad Company;

Was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote, as follows:

YEAS

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Axford,	Ives,	N. Pierce,
Barlow,	Jones,	Price,
Barnes,	Kellogg,	Quackenboss,
Beers,	Kennedy,	Renwick,
Bonham,	Kenyon,	Root,
Britain,	King,	Sacket,
Burrows,	Kneeland,	Sedgwick,
Cartter,	Leach,	Sloan,
Chamberlin,	Martin,	Smith,
Colvin,	Mead,	Snow,
Clarke,	Millspaugh,	Spencer,
Dennis,	Montgomery,	Stockton,
Duncan,	Moore,	Street,
Green,	Morton,	Strowbridge,
Hall,	Movius,	Welles,
Hayden,	Norton,	Willson,

Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Noyes,
Otis,

Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS

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Mr. Smith moved that the House adjourn. Lost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A bill to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes of 1846;

Was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

House bills Nos. 115, 116 and 117 were referred to the special order for Monday next;

A bill to authorize the trustees of the first society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jackson, to execute a mortgage on certain real estate;

Was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain State road in the counties of Oakland and Genesee;

Mr. Burrows moved to add a new section, as follows;

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the highway commissioners of the several townships through which the road to be established by this act may pass, to cause the same to be opened agreeably to the actual survey so ordered and established by said commissioners, in the same manner as is provided by law. for the opening of other roads in the several townships of the State.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Noyes moved to add a new section, as follows:

The State shall not be liable for any expense incurred, or damages sustained by reason of this act, and in case the road mentioned in this act shall not be laid out and established within two years from the passage of this act, the provisions therein contained shall be void.

Which motion prevailed, and the bill as amended, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act to provide for the collection of a special tax for the improvement of the territorial or Vistula road in the counties of Lenawee and Hillsdale, approved March 17, 1847;

Was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend sec. 24, chapter 84 of title 20 of the revised stat-

utes being under consideration, Mr. Axford moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to repeal certain acts and a part of an act, approved March 31, 1849, being under consideration, Mr. Burrows offered a substitute for the bill, which was adopted, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Millspaugh moved that the House adjourn.

But the House refused to adjourn.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, was,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Laid on the table.

A bill to vacate the south half of block No. 6 in the county of Van Buren, being under consideration,

Mr. Hayden offered a substitute, which was adopted and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend chapter 94 and section 2 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes of 1846, was,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Laid on the table.

A bill to amend chapter 20 of the revised statutes of 1846, being under consideration,

Mr. Green moved to lay the bill on the table. Lost.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes of 1846, being under consideration, and the question being on the amendment made in committee, which was to strike out all after the enacting clause, the same was non-concurred in, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Carter,
Dox,
Duncan,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kenyon,
Martin,
Mead,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,
Root,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,

Green,
Hall,

Montgomery,
Morton,

Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Fowle,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Irvine,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Millsaugh,
Movius,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,

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On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,
The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past two o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

The House then went into committee of the whole,

Mr. Leach in the chair,

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported that they had had under consideration the following bills to which they had made no amendments, viz:

1. A bill to vacate a part of the plat of the village of Dundee in the county of Monroe;
2. A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township of Plainfield in the county of Kent to alter a certain state road;
3. A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road;
4. A bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the Adrian Church Association;
5. A bill to amend act No. 77 of the session laws of 1847, relative to the Vistula road, approved March 17, 1847;
6. A bill to amend chapter 159 of the revised statutes;
7. A bill to revive and amend an act relative to the construction of a certain State road, approved March 1, 1845;

8. A bill to provide for procuring a block of Michigan native copper for the Washington National Monument;

9. Joint resolution relative to compensation to the Adjutant and Quarter-Master General, for transportation of supplies;

10. A bill to incorporate Monroe Chapter No. 1; of Royal Arch Masons of the city of Detroit;

11. A bill to authorize Thomas Curtis, Thomas Seely, and their associates, to construct a race for mill purposes;

12. A bill to amend an act for the encouragement of Agriculture, Manufactures and the Mechanic arts;

13. A bill to authorize the vacation of a certain street in the village of Kalamazoo;

14. A bill to vacate certain alleys, in the village of Albion;

15. A bill to authorize the 1st Presbyterian Church of Niles to make a certain bond and mortgage;

16. A bill authorizing the trustees of the Marshall Cemetery Company to convey their real and personal estate to the common council of the village of Marshall, and to repeal the act entitled an act to incorporate the Marshall Cemetery Company;

17. A bill to vacate certain streets in the town of Lansing;

18. A bill for the relief of fractional school district No. 8 in the township of Quincey in the county of Branch, and Allen in the county of Hillsdale;

19. A bill to repeal section 15 of the session laws of 1849, and for other purposes;

20. A bill providing for the trial of civil causes in the circuit courts by jury.

The 1st, 2d, 3d, 6th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 20th named bills were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The 4th named was amended as follows:

In section 4, line 1, strike out "provided in the last preceding section;" and the bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

All after the enacting clause of the 5th named bill was,

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Stricken out, and the enacting clause indefinitely postponed.

The 9th named was, on motion of Mr. Clarke, laid on the table.

The 10th was amended, on motion of Mr. Britain, as follows:

Add to section 4: "And provided, the real estate which said corporation may hold, shall be only such as shall be necessary for the objects of said corporation;"

And ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Welles, and the 11th named was read a third time and passed.

The 19th being under consideration, Mr. Clarke offered a substitute, which was adopted, and,

On motion of Mr. Sedgwick,

The rules were suspended and the bill read a third time and passed.

The committee also had under consideration a bill to authorize Erie Prince to build a dam across the Thornapple river in Kent county; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent, approved March 27, 1848, to which they had made amendments.

The amendments were concurred in and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Also, a bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo and the acts amendatory thereto, upon which they reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, March 23, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave.

The journal was read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, reported a bill relative to the support of primary schools and the custody of township libraries.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read

twice, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Northern Michigan Telegraph Company, reported it back to the House and recommended its passage.

The same committee, to whom was referred a bill to authorize the township of Baltimore to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road, reported the same back without action, and asked to be discharged from further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills ordered printed, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, made the following reports:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill changing the terms of the county court in the counties of Mackinac, Sanilac and Lapeer, ask leave to report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to authorize Harriet S. Sargent, Caroline Beckwith and Olive E. Carter to convey certain lands, beg leave to report the same back to the House and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act to amend chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, in relation to appeals, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Draper and others of Oakland county, asking for a judi-

cious alteration in the fee bill of judges of probate, have had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the accompanying bill and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred sundry petitions of citizens and tax payers of Wayne county for the passage of an act to establish a police court in the city of Detroit, beg leave to report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The bills named in the 1st, 2d, 3d and 6th reports above were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The bills named in the 4th and 5th reports were referred to the committee of the whole, ordered printed, read twice and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill relative to appeals, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to return it to the House and to report adverse to its passage and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill laid on the table.

Also the following:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Beeson and David Kirk, for transfer of record of certain lands from Berrien to Cass county, respectfully report that section 38, chapter 65 of the revised statutes of 1846, appears to provide for such cases fully. Your committee ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Street, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, submitted the following report:

Your committee have had under consideration a joint resolution for furnishing certain laws, journals and documents to the Michigan State Agricultural Society, and a majority of the committee have instructed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill

referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Oakland, praying the repeal of an act that appropriates non-resident land taxes on the Pontiac and Grand River road, have had the same under consideration and find that there is now a bill before the House to repeal said act, and therefore ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill to lay out a state road in the county of Kent, have considered the same and report the bill back, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kenyon, from the committee on state affairs, to whom was referred a bill to release to Mrs. Margaret Moore the interest of the State in a certain lot in the city of Detroit, reported the same back to the House without amendment and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Kenyon, from the committee on state affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution instructing the Attorney General to notify Charles G. Hammond, late Auditor General of the state of Michigan, to return a certain sum of money drawn from the treasury without authority of law, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed their chairman to return the same back to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred joint resolutions for the relief of Andrew V. Booskirk and others, have had the same under consideration and directed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, recommend their passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said resolutions referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on the state library, to whom was referred a Senate bill relative to the purchase of maps for the state offices, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that in their opinion it is unnecessary to purchase more than one copy of said map, and they would therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute.

JULIUS MOVIUS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill and substitute were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled.

A bill to incorporate the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company;

A bill to provide for the laying out and establishing a state road from Lexington, in Sanilac county, to Point aux Barque, in Huron county;

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Clarke offered the following:

Resolved, that the vote of the House by which the amendment of the Senate to a bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes, striking out section 7 of said bill, be reconsidered.

Which was adopted, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,

Mr. Green,
Hall,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,

Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
McCarty,
Norton,

Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Wells,
Willson,
Winchell, 30

NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Carter,
Dennis,
Hooker,
Ives,
Kennedy,

Mr. Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge, 25

The question then being on concurring in the Senate amendment .
the same was non-concurred in, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Carter,
Dennis,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Stockton,
Stowbridge, 25

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
McCarty,
Norton,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Winchell, 31

Mr. Roberts offered the following:

Resolved, That the consideration of the special order for 11 o'-

clock this day, and the resolutions and reports connected therewith, be postponed until Saturday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Green,
Hall,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,
McCarty,
Morton,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,

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Mr. Irvine, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846.

Said bill was read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Willson gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill.

Mr. Clarke offered the following:

Resolved, That the motion to reconsider the vote of the House by which all after the enacting clause of a bill to incorporate the Genesee Plank Road Company, was stricken out and the enacting clause indefinitely postponed, be taken from the table.

Which prevailed.

The question then being on reconsidering, the same did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Bonham,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,

Mr. Jones,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Moore,

Mr. Morton,
Movius,
Otis,
Price,
Root,
Sacket,
Snow,
Willson,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Duncan,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Ives,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,

Mr. Roberts,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker, 30

Mr. Strowbridge moved to place all the bills of the special order of last Saturday on the general order.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Mead asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices, approved February 28, 1850.

And the rules being suspended, the bill was placed upon its third reading, when, on motion of Mr. Clarke,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Clarke moved that the bill be printed. Lost

Mr. McCarty gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal sections 89 and 110 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

1. A bill providing for the trial of civil causes in the circuit courts by jury, having been read a third time, Mr. Dennis asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to amend as follows :

Sec. 3. The justices of the supreme court are hereby authorized and empowered to pronounce judgment against and pass sentence upon all persons convicted or that may hereafter be convicted in any court held by said justices or either of them, for any offence committed or that may hereafter be committed against the laws of this State; *Provided*, That such sentence shall in no case or respect be greater or less than the penalty now or that may be hereafter prescribed by law.

The bill as amended was passed.

2. A bill to vacate a part of the plat of the village of Dundee, in the county of Monroe;

3. A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township of Plainfield in the county of Kent to alter a state road;

4. A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road;

5. A bill to amend chapter 159 of the revised statutes;

6. A bill to revive and amend an act relative to the construction of a certain state road, approved March 1, 1845;

7. A bill to amend an act for the encouragement of agriculture and manufactures and mechanic arts;

8. A bill to authorize the 1st Presbyterian church of Niles to make a certain bond and mortgage;

9. A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Lansing;

10. A bill for the relief of fractional school district No. 8, in the township of Quincey in the county of Branch, and Allen in the county of Hillsdale;

11. A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Oakland and Genesee;

12. A bill to amend an act to provide for the collection of a special tax for the improvement of the territorial or Vistula road in the counties of Lenawee and Hillsdale, approved March 17, 1847;

13. A bill to repeal certain acts, and a part of an act approved March 31, 1849;

14. A bill to vacate the south half of block No. 6, in the village of Lawrence, in the county of Van Buren;

15. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a state road

in the counties of Montcalm and Kent, approved March 27, 1848;

16. A bill to authorize Erie Prince to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in Kent county;

17. A bill to enlarge the powers of the Trustees of the Adrian Church Association;

18. A bill to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes of 1846;

19. A bill to authorize the vacation of a certain street in the village of Kalamazoo;

20. A bill to vacate certain alleys in the village of Albion;

21. A bill authorizing the Trustees of the Marshall Cemetery Company to convey their real and personal estate to the Common Council of the village of Marshall, and to repeal the act entitled an act to incorporate the Marshall Cemetery Company;

22. A bill to authorize the trustees of the First Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jackson to execute a mortgage on certain real estate;

23. A bill to amend sec. 24, chapter 84 of title 20 of the revised statutes of 1846;

24. A bill to amend chapter 20 of the revised statutes of 1846; and

25. A bill to incorporate Monroe Chapter No. 1 of Royal Arch Masons of the city of Detroit;

All which were read a third time and passed, the 17th, 21st and 25th named by a two-thirds vote, the last named by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartier,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hudson,

Mr. Jones,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

NAYS.

Mr. Barnes,
Dennis,
Fowle,
Green,
Hooker,

Mr. King,
Movius,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Stockton,

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26. A bill to provide for procuring a block of Michigan native copper for the Washington National Monument, was read a third time and passed as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Duncan,

Mr. Hussey,

Mr. Spencer,

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Strowbridge moved that the House adjourn.

But the House refused to adjourn.

Joint resolutions in relation to the State Convention, being under consideration, Mr. Clarke moved to amend as follows, which was adopted:

And that the several county clerks be required to report to the Secretary of State:

1. The number of days on which the circuit and county courts respectively, were in session in the respective counties during the year 1849;

2. The amount of salaries voted in each county to the county judge; and if an appeal has been taken to an allowance of salary, the amount which was allowed upon appeal;

3. The number of days that sheriffs and constables have been in attendance (officially) in their respective circuit and county courts, and the number of days that the grand jury has been in session, and the number of jurors and witnesses on the part of the people, that have attended the said courts in criminal cases, and the amount of pay to which such sheriffs, constables, jurors and witnesses were entitled for such attendance, all during the year 1849, and exhibiting the items in the several courts separately;

And that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to condense the information received from the county clerks and embody the same in his report to the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The resolutions were amended as follows:

“Likewise the whole expenses of courts and officers in the year 1846,” to come in after the word “convention.”

Mr. Otis moved to amend as follows:

And also, that the Governor be and he is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to retain his present private secretary or appoint another in his stead to hold said office until the adjournment of the said Convention. Adopted.

The resolutions were then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called. A quorum present.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Dennis in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon arose and by their chairman reported back the following bills, without amendment:

1. A bill to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Tompkins in the county of Jackson to alter a state road;
2. A bill to amend chapter 35 of the revised statutes of 1846;
3. A bill to supply certain records in the probate office of the county of Livingston which have been destroyed by fire;
4. A bill for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals, and for other purposes;
5. A bill to legalize a certain highway in the county of Oakland;
6. A bill to incorporate Berrien County Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F.;
7. A bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy at Bertrand, Berrian county;
8. A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Mooreville Plank Road Company;
9. A bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839;
10. A bill to amend act No. 158, session laws of 1840, entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road leading from Paw Paw to Breedsville in Van Buren county.
And the following with amendments:
11. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and the acts amendatory thereto;
12. A bill to provide for opening a state road from Marshall in the county of Calhoun to Lansing in the county of Ingham;
13. A bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors;
14. A bill to provide for the better management of the state library.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Morton,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, March 25, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Carpenter, Gidley, Lester and Scott absent with leave.

The journal was corrected and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Roberts submitted the following report:

The committee on mines and minerals, to whom was referred Senate bills with the following titles:

A bill to incorporate the Forest Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Piscataqua Mining Company of Michigan;

A bill to incorporate the Swampscot Mining Company of Michigan;

Respectfully report the same back with amendments thereto attached conforming to the bills now before the House incorporating similar companies, recommend their passage and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

E. J. ROBERTS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 22, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return the following entitled bills, viz:

1. A bill for the improvement of the state road from the village of Flint to Lansing, laid out under the provisions of section 3 of an act entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, approved April 1, 1848;

2. A bill in relation to moneys received for licenses in the county of Monroe;

3. A bill to authorize Levi C. Matthews, S. S. Riley and William

R. Eck to erect a dam across the St. Joseph river, on section 1, T 6 south of range 9 west, in the county of St. Joseph;

4. A bill to authorize George M. Fifield to convey certain real estate;

5. A bill for the relief of Alfred Ashley;

6. A bill to amend the charter of the village of Niles; and,

7. A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company;

And to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, the two last named by a two-thirds vote, and the last named with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to transmit herewith,

8. A bill relative to conveyances in the city of Detroit;

9. A bill to provide for the liquidation of a certain demand against the estate of Justus Burdick, deceased;

10. A bill to amend an act to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841;

11. A bill to incorporate the Muskegon Manufacturing Company; and

12. A bill to incorporate the city of Grand Rapids;

All of which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, the last two named by a two-thirds vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th named were ordered enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The 1st Senate amendment to the 7th named was amended by striking out the word "at" where it occurs, and inserting "or the."

The 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th amendments were severally concurred in.

The 8th, 9th and 10th named were read a first and second time and referred to the committee on judiciary.

The 11th and 12th were read a first and second time and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Also the following from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 23, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

A joint resolution authorizing the board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of Heber Cowden.

JNO. S. BARRY.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Mead,

The bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to borrow money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices, approved February 28, 1850, was taken from the table, and being under consideration,

Mr. Mead offered the following amendment:

Add to section 1: "But this section shall not be so construed as to affect any contracts for the purchase of materials for said court house which may have been entered into before the passage of this act by the said board of supervisors or any building committee by them appointed."

Adopted.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Noyes moved to take from the table joint resolution relative to the officers of the late navy of Texas.

Which motion prevailed.

Said resolution was taken up, and,

On motion of Mr. Sedgwick,

Indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Dox offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be and are hereby requested to report on the petition referred to them, asking a change of the name of the county of Van Buren, and that they report a bill changing said name to that of Benton.

Ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all bills amendatory to the revised statutes of 1846, and of the laws relating to the county courts, which may be before the House on Tuesday next, after the second order of business is passed, be made the special order for that day at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adopted.

Mr. Britain, by unanimous consent of the House, presented the petition of Henry H. Selter and others, residents of school district No. 7 in the township of Bainbridge, in Berrien county, asking a site for a school house on the s e $\frac{1}{4}$ of the school section in said township.

Referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Stockton, by unanimous consent of the House, introduced a bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Lenox Plank Road Company;

Read a first and second time and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On Mr. Britain's motion,

A bill to vacate the village plat of Royalton, in Berrien county, was taken from the table, and the same being under consideration,

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment thereto:

Add proviso to sec. 1 as follows: "*Provided*, Said vacation shall not take place until the proprietors of said village shall file with the register of deeds of said county, in writing under their hands and seals, their assent to such vacation."

Adopted.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Mead moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of the bill to amend the charter of the village of Hillsdale.

Which motion prevailed.

And said bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. N. Pierce moved that a bill entitled a bill to protect our citizens from the claims of slaveholders or their agents on the capture or arrest of fugitive slaves, be taken from the table and printed.

Which did not prevail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House took up under the order of unfinished business the following entitled bills:

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing private roads, the amendment to which in committee of the whole was non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

All after the enacting clause was stricken out.

When, on motion of Mr. Roberts,

Said bill was laid on the table.

A bill to regulate licenses and for other purposes, the amendment to which in committee of the whole, being to strike out all after the enacting clause, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

The enacting clause was laid on the table.

A bill to amend section 85 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, the amendment to which being to strike out all after the enacting clause made in committee of the whole, was concurred in.

A bill to authorize cities, villages and towns to take stock in plank roads, the amendment to which in committee of the whole being to strike out all after the enacting clause, was concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Millspaugh,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Street,
Stockton,
Strowbridge, 39

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Chamberlin,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Hooker,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. Root,
Sloan,
Willson,
Speaker,

When, on motion of Mr. Noyes, the enacting clause was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to provide for the better management of the state library;

The question on which being on concurring in amendment of the committee of the whole,

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The bill and amendments were ordered laid on the table.

A bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors;

The question on which being on concurring in amendments of committee of the whole, to strike out all after the enacting clause;

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The bill and amendments were ordered laid on the table.

A bill to provide for opening a state road from Marshall, in the county of Calhoun, to Lansing, in the county of Ingham;

The amendments to which in committee of the whole were concurred in, and the same as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo and the acts amendatory thereto;

The amendments to which in committee of the whole were severally concurred in.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Section 7, line 40, after "taxes," insert, "*Provided*, That no more than two hundred and fifty dollars of last named tax shall be so levied until authorized by a majority of the electors of said village in legal meeting assembled."

Adopted.

Mr. Otis offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out sections 7, 16 and 19. Lost.

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strike out section 23. Adopted.

Mr. Britain offered also the following:

Amend section 7 by inserting after "year" in the twenty-third

line, as follows: "whenever authorized so to do by a majority of the electors of said village in legal meeting assembled."

Adopted.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend act No. 158, session laws of 1849, entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road leading from Paw Paw to Breedsville in Van Buren county, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Mooreville Plank Road Company, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy at Bertrand, Berrien county, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the bill to incorporate Berrien County Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., made in committee of the whole were concurred in, and the same as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to legalize a certain highway in the county of Oakland, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals, and for other purposes, Mr. Strowbridge moved to amend by adding at the end of section 1:

Every supervisor when his tax roll is made out, shall return the number of dogs in his township, and a tax of \$2,00 shall be assessed upon the owners or keepers of said dogs.

On motion of Mr. Mead,

\$2,00 was stricken out of Mr. Strowbridge's amendment.

Mr. Cartter moved that the blank be fillek with \$1,00. Lost.

Mr. Movius moved that it be filled with "50 cents." Lost.

When Mr. Strowbridge withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Movius offered the following amendment:

Insert the word "red" before "dog," wherever it occurs in the bill.

Which Mr. Axford moved to lay on the table. Lost.

Mr. Strowbridge moved that the bill and amendments be indefinitely postponed. Lost.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Movius, the same was lost.

Mr. Movius offered the following amendment:

Insert in sec. 3, line —, before the word "assaulted" the word "worried." Lost.

Also the following:

Insert in sec. 3, line 4, after the word "riding," the words "within or with." Lost.

Strike out in sec. 3, lines 3 and 4, the word "peaceably." Lost.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to supply certain records in the probate office of the county of Livingston which have been destroyed by fire;

A bill to amend chapter 35 of the revised statutes of 1846; and

A bill to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Tompkins in the county of Jackson, to alter a state road;

Were severally ordered engrossed for a third reading.

And a bill to amend chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes of 1846;

Which last, Mr. Smith moved to indefinitely postpone.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Cartter,
Fowle,
Green,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Millsbaugh
Montgomery,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
Price,
Renwick,
Root,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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The question then being on its engrossment for a third reading.

Pending which,
On motion of Quackenboss,
The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to authorize C. C. Darling and B. F. Bailey to erect a dam across Grand River;

A bill to incorporate the Union City and Fremont Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases;

A bill to incorporate the Paw Paw and Allegan Plank Road Company;

A bill to lay out, establish and improve a state road from Hastings in the county of Barry to Ionia in the county of Ionia;

A bill to incorporate the Cassopolis and Dowagiac Plank Road Company;

A bill to organize certain townships therein named;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Road Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Clarkston Academical Institute;

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

The House then went into consideration of the special order of the day, being:

1. A bill to provide for refunding to Joseph Miller certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office;

2. A bill to provide for refunding to David W. Noyes certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office;

3. A bill to provide for refunding to Loren Andrews certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office;

The question being on ordering the first named engrossed for a third reading, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS

Mr. Barlow,
Bonham,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,

Mr. Hayden,
Jones,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
Roberts,

Mr. Sedgwick,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,

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NAYS

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,
Hussey,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Willson,

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The second and third named were,

On motion of Mr. Cartter, ordered laid on the table.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Morton in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to change the name of the village of Mt. Pleasant to Long Lake, and to vacate a part of the plat thereof:

2. A bill to provide for statistical information;

3. A bill to vacate a certain street in the village of Owasso, in the county of Shiawassee;

4. A bill to amend an act to establish an assylum for the deaf, dumb and blind, and also, an assylum for the insane of the state of Michigan, and the acts amendatory thereto;

5. A bill for the relief of Casper Butz;

6. A bill to vacate the village of Centreville, in the township of Royal Oak, in the county of Oakland; and,

7. Joint resolutions relative to a donation of land by the General Government for establishing agricultural schools, and for other purposes;

All without amendment.

Also, with sundry amendments,

8. A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Berrien;

9. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Monroe and certain acts amendatory thereto, approved March 30, 1849;

10. A bill to encourage the establishment of a building society in the city of Detroit;

11. A bill to provide for the publication of certain laws; and

12. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Peninsula Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 12, 1844, under the name and style of the Detroit Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 31, 1849;

In all which they asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

When, on motion of Mr. Kellogg,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, March 26, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Members all present except those absent on leave.

The journal was corrected and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of Henry H. Selter and others, of Bainbridge in Berrien county, asking for a site for a school house on the school section in that town, respectfully report, that the provision of the constitution which requires that the proceeds of all school lands shall be and remain a permanent fund for the support of schools, would seem to forbid infer-

entially, if not in direct terms, the granting of any portion of these lands to the use of any single school district: that the legislature might appropriate money from the principal of the school fund for the purchase of a site for a school district with as much propriety as they could appropriate the land. And the fact that any particular school district could be accommodated by a site upon the school section, will not, in the opinion of your committee, justify the grant of such a site to a district thus situated; for if such a grant were made, it is not easy to see how the right of any school district in the state to a similar favor could be withheld upon any principle of fairness. For either of the 3000 school districts in the state, your committee are not aware that such a favor as that now asked for, has ever been asked or granted. They are therefore opposed to granting the prayer of the petition, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill for the relief of Alfred Ashley;

A bill in relation to moneys received for licences in the county of Monroe;

A bill to authorize Levi C. Mathews, S. S. Riley and William R. Eck to erect a dam across the St. Joseph river on section 1, town 6 south of range 9 west, in the county of St. Joseph; and,

A bill to authorize George M. Fifield to convey certain real estate.

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Lenox Plank Road Company, reported the same back to the House, recommended its passage and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Dox offered the following resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That this Legislature will ad-

journal ~~sine die~~ on Tuesday the 2d day of April next, at twelve o'clock M.

On Mr. Leach's motion,

A suspension of the rules was ordered and said resolution taken into consideration.

Mr. Quackenboss moved to amend by striking out "Tuesday, 2d April," and substituting "Wednesday, 27th inst."

Mr. Dennis moved to amend the amendment by striking out "27th inst.," and inserting "April 3d." Lost.

And the question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Quackenboss,

Mr. Mead moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.		
Mr. Hudson, Kellogg, King,	Mr. McCarty, Mead,	Mr. Root, Speaker,
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NAYS.		
Mr. Abbott, Axford, Barow, Barnes, Beers, Bonham, Burrows, Cartter, Chamberlain, Clarke, Dennis, Dox, Duncan, Fowle, Green, Hall, Hayden,	Mr. Hussey, Ives, Jones, Kennedy, Kenyon, Kneeland, Leach, Millspaugh, Montgomery, Moore, Morton, Movius, Norton, Noyes, Otis, J. B. Pierce, N. Pierce,	Mr. Price, Quackenboss, Renwick, Roberts, Sackett, Sedgwick, Sloan, Smith, Snow, Spencer, Stockton, Street, Strowbridge, Welles, Willson, Winchell,
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Mr. Sedgwick moved to strike out in amendment, "Wednesday, 27th inst.," and insert "Friday, 29th inst."

Mr. Spencer moved to strike out "Friday, 29th," and insert "Thursday, 28th."

Mr. Hudson moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject. Lost.

A division of the question was then called for, and ordered, and being taken on the motion to strike out, the same did not prevail.

The question was then taken on Mr. Dox's resolution, and the same adopted.

Mr. Clarke moved to take from the table Senate bill No. 125, to encourage immigration.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Montgomery,
Movius,
Quackenbosc,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,
King,

Mr. Kneeland,
Millspaugh
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Renwick,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

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Mr. Dennis moved to take from the table the following bills:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to the county courts;

A bill to amend chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to amend sec. 5, chapter 23 of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to amend an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees; and

A bill to amend chapter 56 of the revised statutes, and that said bills be placed on the special order of the day for this day.

Which motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Dennis submitted the following report from the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841, report the same back to the House, and recommend that it be placed on the special order for to-day.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill placed on the special order of the day for to-day.

Mr. Spencer moved to take House bill 179 from the table.

Lost.

On Mr. Hayden's motion,

The committee of the whole were discharged from further consideration of the bill to incorporate the Lawrence Literary Institute Association, and the same was placed on the special order of the day for to-day.

On Mr. Strowbridge's motion,

The committee of the whole were discharged from further consideration of a bill to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Society, and the same was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Leach moved to take from the table House bill No. 40, being a bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors.

Which motion prevailed, and the same was placed on the order of unfinished business.

Mr. Dennis moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday by which the House refused to order engrossed for a third reading a bill to provide for refunding to Joseph Miller certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office.

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Morton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Snow,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

Fowle, Green,,	Price,	Speaker,	34
NAYS.			
Mr. Barnes, Clarke, Duncan, Hall, Hooker, Kellogg, Kennedy,	Mr. Kenyon, King, McCarty, Millspaugh, Montgomery, Moore, Norton,	Mr. Noyes, N. Pierce, Sackett, Sloan, Smith, Spencer,	20

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The bill was then ordered laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Leach,

The bill entitled a bill to protect our citizens from the claims of slaveholders or their agents, on the capture or arrest of fugitive slaves, was taken from the table and ordered printed.

Mr. McCarty, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter 20 of the revised statutes, also a bill regulating the tolls for the Flint and Saginaw Navigation Company, and asked their reference to some appropriate committee.

Said bills were severally read twice and referred, the first named to the judiciary committee, and the second, to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That it is inexpedient to legislate at this session for either the Central or Southern railroad charters; which,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Irvine, from the committee on mines and minerals asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to report a bill to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company, and asked that the same may be placed upon the order of unfinished business to be considered with other bills of like character.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having arrived at the order of bills for a third reading, the following entitled bills were read a third time and passed, viz:

A bill to legalize a certain highway in the county of Oakland;
Joint resolutions in relation to State Convention;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and the acts amendatory thereto, by a two-thirds vote;

A bill to incorporate Berrien County Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., having been read a third time, was

On motion of Mr. Britain,

Ordered laid on the table.

The following were also read a third time and passed:

A bill to vacate the village plat of Royalton, in Berrien county;

A bill to amend act No. 158, session laws of 1849, entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road leading from Paw Paw to Breedsville in Van Buren county.

A bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839;

A bill to incorporate the Clinton and Mooreville Plank Road Company, by a two-thirds vote;

A bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy at Bertrand, Berrian county, having been read a third time, was,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Ordered laid on the table.

The following were also read a third time and passed.

A bill for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals, and for other purposes;

A bill to supply certain records in the Probate office of the county of Livingston, which have been destroyed by fire;

A bill to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Tompkins, in the county of Jackson, to alter a certain state road;

A bill to amend chapter 35 of the revised statutes of 1846; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Hillsdale, approved March 16, 1847, by a two-thirds vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The question then being on the engrossment for a third reading of the following entitled bills, viz:

1. A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company;
2. A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company;

3. A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company;
4. A bill to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company;
5. A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company;
6. A bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company;
7. A bill to incorporate the Peninsula Mining Company;
8. A bill to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company;
9. A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company;
10. A bill to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company;
11. A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company;
12. A bill to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company of Michigan;
13. A bill to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company; and
14. A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company;

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Mead,

They were recommitted to the committee on mines and minerals with instructions to strike out the words included in parentheses in the second proviso, prohibiting banking and brokerage privileges. And also, cause section 4 of said bills to correspond with section 4 of an act to incorporate the Siskoweit Mining Company of Michigan, and to erase a provision authorizing the payment of one-half of said tax to be paid into the county treasury of the county in which said corporations shall be situated to be used for township and county purposes.

The question being on concurring in amendments of committee of the whole to a bill to encourage the establishment of a building society in the city of Detroit.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Gidley,

The same was ordered laid on the table.

The amendments of the committee of the whole to the bill to provide for the publication of certain laws, were severally concurred in, and the same was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments of the committee of the whole to a bill to amend an act to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Peninsula Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company,

approved March 12, 1844, under the name and style of the Detroit Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 31, 1849, were concurred in, and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading; also,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Monroe, and certain acts amendatory thereto, approved March 30, 1849, and the same was ordered engrossed for a third reading; also the following:

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Berrien;

A bill for the relief of Casper Butz;

A bill to vacate the village of Centreville, in the township of Royal Oak, in the county of Oakland.

And they were severally ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the joint resolution relative to a donation of land by the general government for establishing agricultural schools, and for other purposes, which was to strike out all after the enacting clause, was concurred in.

A bill to amend an act to establish an asylum for the deaf, dumb and blind, and also an asylum for the insane of the State of Michigan, and the acts amendatory thereto, was,

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Ordered laid on the table.

A bill to vacate a certain street in the village of Owosso in the county of Shiawassee, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to provide for statistical information, being under consideration,

Mr. Kennedy offered the following amendment:

Insert in line 6, section 1: "and the number of sheep and lambs killed by dogs in each year."

Adopted.

Mr. Hayden moved that the bill and amendments be indefinitely postponed.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,

Mr. Gidley,
Hayden,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Barnes,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,

Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Martin,
Movius,

Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Beers,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Green,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,

Mr. King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Mead,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Otis,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell,

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Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strike out of sec. 9 all after the word "after," and insert "the first day of August next." Adopted.

Also the following:

Strike out "April" in line 5 of sec. 6, and insert "September." Adopted.

And the following:

Strike out all after the word "next" in line 3, sec. 6. Adopted.

Mr. Dennis offered the following, to stand as section 10, viz:

Sec. 10. Act number two hundred and seventy-four of the session laws of 1848 is hereby repealed, and this section shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Martin,
Mead,
Moore,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Beers,
Bonham,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,

Mr. Otis,
Price,
Quackenboss,

Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Hussey,

King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Noyes,

Sacket,
Sloan,
Snow,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,

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Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Insert between lines 1 and 2 of section 7, "or which may have been reported to him under act No. 274 of the session laws of 1848."

Adopted.

Mr. Axford moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Mr. Mead moved to amend Mr. Axford's motion as follows:

"Excepting sections 8 and 9."

Adopted, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Bonham,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Hussey,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Morton,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sacket,
Snow,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,

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Mr. Movius moved a reconsideration of the last vote:

Mr. Cartter moved that the House adjourn.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Hall,
Hayden,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Millspaugh,
Montgomery,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sloan,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson,

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The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Movius, and the same prevailed, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
McCarty,
Millspaugh,
Moore,

Mr. Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
Quackenboss,
Sackett,
Snow,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Irvine,
Ives,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,
The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called. A quorum present.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the special order of the day,

Mr. Irvine in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon arose and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to amend chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, and in addition thereto;

2. A bill to repeal certain provisions of law relative to appeals from the boards of supervisors;

3. A bill to amend chapter 122 of the revised statutes of 1846;

4. A bill to amend an act to amend chapter 93 of the revised statutes, of 1846, in relation to appeals;

5. A bill to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes of 1846;

6. A bill to amend chapter 56 of the revised statutes of 1846;

7. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels;

8. A bill to amend chapter 94 and section 2 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes of 1846;

9. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, approved March 28, 1849; and

10. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849;

All which they had amended by striking out all after the enacting clause. Also,

11. A bill to incorporate the Lawrence Literary Institute Association;

12. A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes of 1846;

13. A bill for regulating and defining the fees of judges of the court of probate; and

14. A bill to amend the revised statutes relative to the support of primary schools and the custody of township libraries;

To all which they had made sundry amendments. Also,

15. A bill to amend chapter 72 of the revised statutes of 1846; and

16. A bill to amend chapter 56 of the revised of 1846;

Without amendment.

In all which they asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged from further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendments to the first named were concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The enacting clause indefinitely postponed.

The amendment to the 2nd was non-concurred in, and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The 3rd,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Was ordered laid on the table.

The amendment to the 4th, was concurred in.

The amendment to the 5th was concurred in, and

On Mr. Cartter's motion,

The enacting clause indefinitely postponed.

The amendment to the 6th was concurred in.

The amendment to the 7th was non-concurred in, and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendment to the 8th was concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Kennedy,

The enacting clause ordered laid on the table.

The amendment to the 9th was non-concured in.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Section 1, line 3, strike out all after the word "aforesaid."

Adopted.

When on motion of Mr. Dennis,

The enacting clause was stricken out.

The amendment to the 10th was concurred in.

The amendments to the 11th were severally concurred in, when Mr. Britain offered the following amendment, viz:

Sec. 1, line 14, after the word "dollars," insert "provided said corporation shall hold no real estate more than years after the same shall have been conveyed to them, except such real estate as shall be necessary for the objects of said incorporation."

Adopted.

Mr. Mead moved that the blank in the amendment be filled with the word "fifteen."

Agreed to.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The question being on concurring in the amendment to the 12th named, which was to strike out sec. 1 of the bill.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Chamberlin,

All after the enacting clause was stricken out.

The amendments to the 13th were concurred in; when

Mr. Kneeland moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.
Lost.

Mr. Dennis moved to lay on the table. Lost.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The question being on concurring in the amendment to the 14th, which was to strike out sec. 1 of the bill,

Pending which,

Mr. Clarke moved to lay on the table. Lost.

Mr. Kenyon moved to indefinitely postpone.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,

Mr. Jones,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Kellogg,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,

Chamberlin,	Kennedy	Roberts,	
Clarke,	Leach,	Sacket,	
Dennis,	Mead,	Stockton,	
Duncan,	Millspaugh,	Welles,	
Fowle,	Montgomery,	Willson,	
Gidley,	Movius,	Winchell,	
Green,	Norton,		35

And the question recurring on concurring in the amendment of the committee of the whole,

Pending which,

Mr. Sloan moved that the House adjourn. Lost.

The amendment was then concurred in by the following vote.

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Renwick,	
Barlow,	Irvine,	Root,	
Barnes,	Ives,	Sedgwick,	
Bonham,	Jones,	Sloan,	
Cartter,	Kellogg,	Smith,	
Chamberlin,	Kenyon,	Snow,	
Colvin,	Kneeland,	Spencer,	
Duncan,	Martin,	Stockton,	
Gidley,	J. B. Pierce,	Welles,	
Hall,	N. Pierce,	Winchell,	
Hooker,	Quackenboss,	Speaker,	33

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. King,	Mr. Noyes,	
Clarke,	Leach,	Otis,	
Dennis,	Mead,	Price,	
Green,	Millspaugh,	Roberts,	
Hayden,	Montgomery,	Sackett,	
Hussey,	Movius,	Willson,	
Kenneday,	Norton,		20

Mr. Britain moved to strike out section 6 of the bill.

Agreed to.

Mr. Spencer moved to strike out section 5 of the bill.

Lost.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The 15th and 16th named were ordered engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Irvine,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Wednesday, March 27, 1850.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Atterbury.

Roll called. Members present except those absent on leave.

The journal was approved.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Hayden presented the petition of C. P. Prindle and others, relative to license laws.

Ordered laid on the table.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Otis, from the committee on roads and bridges, submitted the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred petitions and a bill to provide for laying out the non-resident land taxes on a certain road in the county of Kalamazoo, have had the same under consideration and report that the bill is suitable to carry into effect the wishes of the petitioners, but that the said road is all in one township and that the highway commissioners can so divide the districts that said taxes may be properly laid out without any special law; therefore report the same back to the House for their action, without any recommendations, and ask to be discharged.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill for the improvement of the state road from the village of Flint to Lansing, laid out under the provisions of section 3 of an act entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, approved April 1, 1848;

A bill to change the name of Celestia Rebecca Richards;

A bill for the relief of Ezra Billings;

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on the judiciary, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill

to amend chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846, have had the same under consideration, and report it back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred Senate bill to incorporate the city of Grand Rapids, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration. Also,

A bill to incorporate the Muskegon Manufacturing Company.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, submitted the following report:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the two several petitions of citizens of school district No. 5 in the township of Tecumseh, asking for a release by the State of a portion of the school section in said township for a site for a school house, respectfully report a bill to provide for the sale of a site from said section to said district and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill to amend section 42 of chapter 12, title 3 of the revised statutes, and a substitute for the same, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that all that portion of the first section of the bill that passed the Senate be amended by striking out all after the word "university," in the fifth line of the section, down to

and including the words "representatives," in the tenth and eleventh lines of said section, and recommend that the Senate so amend the same, and that the House concur therein. To all which the committee ask the concurrence of the two Houses and that the committee be discharged.

H. H. RILEY, *Ch'n Senate Com.*

HOVEY K. CLARKE, }
M. B. MARTIN, } *of House Com.*

The report was concurred in.

MESSAGES.

The following message was received from the Executive by the hands of his private Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 25, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Paw Paw and Allegan Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Union City and Fremont Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Cassopolis and Dowagiac Plank Road Company;

An act to authorize C. C. Darling and B. F. Bailey to erect a dam across the Grand river;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Plank Road Company;

An act to organize certain townships therein named;

An act to incorporate the Howell and Byron Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Royal Oak and Rochester Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Clarkston Academical Institute;

An act to incorporate the Decatur and St. Joseph Plank Road Company;

An act to provide for the laying out and establishing a state road from Lexington, in Sanilac county, to Point aux Barque, in Huron county;

An act to lay out and establish a state road from Hastings in the county of Barry to Ionia in the county of Ionia; and

An act to incorporate the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 26, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings;
2. A bill to provide for the collection of taxes assessed on personal property in certain cases;
3. A bill to incorporate the Ontonagon Plank or Train Rail Road Company;

And to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, (the last named by a two-thirds vote,) with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return,

4. A bill in relation to certain taxes in the southern part of the county of Gratiot;
5. A bill to re-annex a portion of the township of Allendale to the township of Holland, in the county of Ottawa;
6. A bill to organize the county of Midland;
7. A bill for the relief of Ezra Billings;
8. A bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices, approved February 28, 1850;

9. A bill to incorporate the village of St. Clair;

And to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, the last named bill by a two-thirds vote.

I am also instructed to transmit herewith,

10. A bill to repeal section 26, chapter 30 of the revised statutes of 1846;
11. A bill to amend an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes;

12. A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake St. Clair Plank Road Company; and,

13. A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Mooreville Plank Road Company;

And to respectfully inform you that the Senate have passed the same, (the two last named by a two-thirds vote,) and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

I am also instructed to return herewith,

14. A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company;

And to inform you that the Senate have, by a two-thirds vote, concurred in the House amendments to the Senate amendments thereto.

Also, to return herewith,

15. A bill to organize certain townships, and for other purposes;

And to inform you that the Senate have receded from their 4th and 7th amendments thereto.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The amendments to the first named were concurred in, and the bill ordered enrolled.

The amendments to the 2d named were concurred in, with the following amendment offered by Mr. Mead thereto, viz:

Amend first Senate amendment by adding thereto the words, "or which may hereafter," &c.

The amendments to the 3d were concurred in by a two thirds vote, and the same as amended ordered enrolled.

The 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th were severally ordered enrolled.

The 10th and 11th were twice read and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The 12th was twice read, when Mr. Sackett moved a suspension of the rules, and that said bill be put upon its final passage.

Which motion prevailed.

Said bill was ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed by a two-thirds vote.

The 13th was twice read and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The 14th and 15th were ordered enrolled.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Hon. Philo Beers, a member of this House, have leave of absence, during the remainder of the present session, from and after this day.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

A bill to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Society was taken from the table, and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

A bill to provide for the better management and care of the State Library was taken from the table, and the same being under consideration,

Mr. Spencer offered a substitute therefor.

The question being on the adoption of the substitute,

Mr. Movius offered the following amendment, to stand as sec. 1:

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan*, That a State Librarian shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall hold his office for the term of two years, whose salary shall be fixed at the sum of five hundred dollars per year, payable quarterly, out of the state treasury, and whose duty it shall be to have the sole care and charge of the library and the affairs pertaining thereto, and who shall make an annual report to the Legislature at the commencement of each session thereof, as to its condition, and report the number and description of the volumes contained therein.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Dox,
Fowle,
Hayden,

Mr. Hudson,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,

Mr. McCarty,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Sedgwick,
Stockton.
Winchell.

NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Duncan,
Green,
Hooker,
Ives,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Montgomery,

Mr. Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,

Mr. Sackett,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Speaker,

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The substitute, as amended, was then adopted, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Otis moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of a bill relative to purchasing a map for the use of the state offices.

Which prevailed.

And the same being under consideration, the question on which being on the adoption of the following substitute reported by the committee, viz:

Substitute for a bill relative to purchasing a map for the use of the State Offices.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the Secretary of State be and is hereby authorized to purchase for the use of the State offices, one copy of John Farmer's map of Michigan, the cost of which is not to exceed six dollars, and the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay said sum out of any money in the general fund, not otherwise appropriated.*

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The same was not adopted.

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Insert before the words "State offices," the words "Senate Chamber and the Hall of the House of Representatives and the."

Adopted.

And the question being on its engrossment for a third reading,

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

A suspension of the rules was ordered by two-thirds of the House, and said bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. Ous moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the amendment of the committee to strike out all after the enacting clause of the resolutions relative to a donation of lands for an agricultural college.

Which was not ordered, said joint resolution having been returned to the Senate.

Mr. Stockton offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the bill relative to the State Land Office was, on the 22d inst., ordered printed;

And whereas, bills ordered since that time, have been printed and laid on the tables;

And whereas, fears are entertained by some that this bill relative to the State Land Office, has been abducted under the provision of the Wilmot Proviso; therefore,

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to inquire into the fate of said bill, and that they be authorised to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment:

Strike out "the provision of the Wilmot Proviso" and insert "the committee on the license laws."

When, Mr. Stockton withdrew his resolution, and

Mr. Clarke his amendment.

Mr. Movius moved to take from the table a bill to encourage immigration.

Pending which,

Mr. Wells moved a call of the House.

Call ordered. Messrs. Irvine and Roberts absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Carver,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on Mr. Movius' motion,

And the same was agreed to, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Chamberlin,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,

Mr. Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Quackenbosc,

Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,

Mr. King,
Kneeland,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Willson,

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Mr. Wells moved a reconsideration of the last vote.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,

Mr. King,
Kneeland,
Mead,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Smith,
Snow,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Montgomery,

Mr. Morton,
Movius,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Said bill was then referred to the committee on state affairs.

Mr. Mead moved to take from the table the Senate bill establish-

ing a state road in the county of Branch; and that the same be placed on the order of unfinished business.

Agreed to.

Mr. Movius moved to take from the table joint resolutions relative to the claim of Jonathan Kearsley.

Lost.

Mr. Morton moved to take from the table House bill No. 199, to provide for the removal of the State Land Office to the seat of government.

Agreed to.

And the question being on concurring in the substitute recommended by the committee.

Pending which, Mr. Axford moved to lay on the table. Lost.

Mr. Spencer offered the following amendment:

Amend sec. 3 of the bill by striking out the the word "appraised" in the 2d line thereof, and insert in the place of it, the word "approved."

Adopted.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Section 1, line 7, strike out all after the word "act "

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Gidley,
Green,
Ives,
Jones,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Millsbaugh,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,

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NAYS:

Mr. Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Sloan,

Mr. Stockton,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The substitute was then adopted, and,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Ordered engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Britain,

A bill to incorporate the Berrien County Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F.,
was taken from the table; when

Mr. Britain offered as a substitute therefor,

A bill to incorporate the Niles Union Hall Association.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The substitute was ordered laid on the table and printed.

On motion of Mr. Britain,

A bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy at Bertrand, Berrien
county, Michigan, was taken from the table; when

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment thereto:

Strike out the proviso in section 1, and insert as follows:

*"Provided, said corporation shall not hold any real estate more
than 5 years after they shall have become owners thereof, except
such real estate as shall be necessary for the objects of said cor-
poration: And provided further, That the amount of real and per-
sonal estate which said corporation may hold, shall not at any time
exceed fifty thousand dollars."*

Adopted.

The bill was then read a third time and passed by a two-thirds
vote.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

½ past two o'clock.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on
the general order,

Mr. Spencer in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, the committee rose, and by
their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled
bills:

1. A bill to reduce the price of University lands in certain cases;
to which they had made amendments;

2. A bill to repeal act No. 39 of the session laws of 1849, with an amendment; and

3. A bill to amend chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846, without amendment.

Mr. Kellogg moved that the House adjourn. **Lost.**

And the question being on concurring in the amendments of the committee of the whole to the first named bill,

Pending which,

Mr. Sedgwick moved to lay the same on the table. **Lost.**

The amendments of the committee were then concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The bill laid on the table.

The amendment to the 2d was concurred in, when

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved to strike out section 3 of the bill.

Agreed to.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The third named was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The committee also reported back the following bills without amendment:

1. A bill to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trenton and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company;

2. A bill requiring the Auditor General of the state to cancel certain securities executed to him under the general banking law;

3. A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Breedsville Plank Road Company;

4. A bill to authorize Delia C. Cole, Charles, Henry and Lovina Cole to convey certain real estate;

5. A bill to amend an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Adrian, approved April 6, 1848;

6. A bill to provide for altering the state road in township of Moscow, in the county of Hillsdale;

7. A bill to vacate a portion of the village of Grand River city, in the county of Eaton;

8. A bill for the improvement of the Eaton, Barry and Allegan state road;

9. A bill to incorporate the Union Hall association of the city of Monroe;

10. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Northwestern Health Insurance Company, approved March 30, 1849;

11. A bill to incorporate the Walker and Vergennes Plank Road Company;

12. A bill to amend the charter of the village of Pontiac;

13. A bill to incorporate the Sons of Temperance Hall Association of the city of Detroit.

Also the following, each with amendments:

14. A bill to incorporate the village of Battle Creek;

15. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to grant to school districts and religious denominations of professing Christians suitable grounds in the towns of Michigan belonging to the State, whereon to erect houses for public worship and school houses;

16. A bill to provide for the improvement of a certain state road leading from Lansing in the county of Ingham, passing through the villages of Charlotte and Bellevue in the county of Eaton, to the village of Battle Creek in Calhoun county;

17. A bill to amend an act entitled an act in aid of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, approved March 31, 1849;

18. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, passed April 1st, 1840; and

19. A bill to incorporate the Clinton Institute;

In all which they asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged from further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Thursday, March 28, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. Messrs. Millspaugh and Snow absent without leave.

Mr. Otis asked leave of absence indefinitely for Mr. Millspaugh. Granted.

Mr. Axford for Mr. Snow for the remainder of the session. Granted.

The journal was approved.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Hussey presented the remonstrance of E. J. Bartlett and 20 others, citizens of Walton, Eaton county, against rescinding the joint resolutions of instructions given to our Representatives in Congress by the last Legislature, respecting the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States.

Ordered laid on the table.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Dennis submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill relative to conveyances in the city of Detroit, and a bill to provide for the liquidation of a certain demand against the estate of Justus Burdick, deceased, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report them back to the House and recommend their passage.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton submitted the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Mooreville Plank Road Company, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Otis submitted the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the Senate bill to provide for altering a certain road in Jackson county, have considered the same and find that the township commissioners have full and sufficient authority over the whole subject, and there-

fore recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed and ask to be discharged.

ASA H. OTIS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, reported the claim of John Swegles, jr., and others for stationery, also of Bagg & Harmon and others for newspapers furnished this House, and recommended their reference to the committee on supplies.

The report was accepted and said claims ordered to be so referred.

Mr. Kenyon submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred a bill to encourage emigration, report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and that whatever might have been the differences of opinion as to the creation of the office of emigrant agent by the last Legislature, your committee believe that good policy will not now permit it to be abandoned.

We have committed ourselves as a state to the public authorities of the countries from whence our emigration comes. By our past action, we have beckoned emigrants to our borders. Shall we now reject them? We have given reason to believe that they have our sympathy. Shall we now withhold it? We have virtually pointed out to them a beautiful Peninsula—have laid before their eyes the benign influences of our laws and the blessings which flow from free institutions and extended means of education. They are looking with anxiety to our action in their behalf.

Your committee believe that the state ought not now to recede from the policy to which its honor and integrity stand pledged. They believe the mission will result in great benefit to the state—it will add to the means of felling our forests and cultivating our soil. It will add to our wealth and aid in reducing general taxation. And for these reasons and others which might be urged, your committee earnestly recommend the passage of the bill under consideration.

J. KENYON, JR., Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Britain submitted the following report:

The committee of ways and means, to whom was referred a bill from the Senate to amend chapter 20, title 5 of the revised statutes of 1946, in reference to deeds on tax lands, have had the same under consideration and instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The same committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 93, being a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvemant warrants of this state, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part paid five million loan bonds, approved April 1, 1848, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to organize certain townships and for other purposes;

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Niles;

A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings;

A bill to re-annex a portion of the township of Allendale to the township of Holland, in the county of Ottawa;

A bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices, approved February 28, 1850.

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 27, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern Rail Road and to incorporate the Michigan South-

ern Rail Road Company, approved May 9, 1846, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Herewith is returned,

A concurrent resolution relative to adjournment, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have adopted, with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The first named was read twice, ordered printed and made the special order of the day for to-morrow, the 29th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The amendment to the last named was concurred in, and the same ordered enrolled.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Gidley moved to reconsider the vote taken yesterday by which section 3 was stricken out of the bill providing for the re-anexation of a portion of the township of Henrietta to the township of Rives.

Agreed to.

And the House refused to strike out said section.

Mr. Winchell moved to take from the table a bill to provide for the collection and payment of taxes assessed on sold and part-paid for university and primary school lands.

Agreed to, and said bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Movius, chairman of committee on the state library, reported the following joint resolution relative to the purchase of books:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That a sufficient sum out of the general fund, be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of one hundred copies of the "American's Own Book," for the use of the State Convention to revise the Constitution, and that the Secretary of State be authorized to purchase the same and furnish one copy to each of the members of said Convention.

Ordered laid over one day under the rule.

Mr. Movius offered the following joint resolution relative to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby instructed to commence proceedings forthwith against the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, by writ of *quo warranto*, or in such other way as may be best calculated to ascertain by what right, if any, the said Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank assume to exercise banking powers, and to take such measures as may be necessary to prevent the further exercise of such powers.

Laid over one day under the rules.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having arrived at the order of third reading of bills, took up the following entitled bills, viz:

A bill to amend chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846, read a third time and passed.

A bill to provide for the better management and care of the State Library, having been put upon its third reading, Mr. Cartter moved to recommit the same to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to strike out sec. 1 of the bill.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Bonham,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Dennis,
Gidley,
Green,
Hooker,
Hudson,

Mr. King,
Kneeland,
Mead,
Moore,
Molton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis.

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Spencer,
Welles,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Fowle,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Snow,
Stowbridge,
Willson.

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Mr. Britain moved that it be recommitted to the committee on the state library, with instructions so to amend the bill as to require the

librarian to give bonds for the faithful performance of his official duties, to receipt for the books and other property of the state library, and his bond only to be cancelled when the receipt of his successor for the remaining property shall be obtained and payment for all deficiencies shall have been made.

Mr. Chamberlin moved to amend the instructions so as to make the salary of the librarian \$400, instead of \$500. Lost.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Britain, the same was agreed to.

A bill to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Society, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the State Land Office to the seat of government, and to revive certain laws relative to the same, was read a third time and passed.

A bill for regulating and defining the fees of judges of the court of probate;

A bill to amend the revised statutes relative to the support of primary schools and the custody of township libraries; and

A bill to provide for laying out a state road in the county of Berrien, were severally read a third time and passed. Also,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Monroe and certain acts amendatory thereto, approved March 30, 1849; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Peninsula Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 12, 1844, under the name and style of the Detroit Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 31, 1849; each by a two-thirds vote.

A bill for the relief of Casper Butz;

A bill to vacate the village of Centreville, in the township of Royal Oak, in the county of Oakland;

A bill to amend chapter 56 of the revised statutes of 1846; and

A bill to amend chapter 72 of the revised statutes of 1846;

Were severally read a third time and passed; and

A bill to repeal certain provisions of law relative to appeals from the boards of supervisors, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Morton,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,

29

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,

Mr. Hall,
Hooker,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Montgomery,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Willson,
Speaker,

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A bill to vacate a portion of a certain street in the village of Owasso, in the county of Shiawassee;

Read a third time and passed; and also,

A bill to authorize Ambrose Young, guardian of the minor children of Joseph Tures, to convey certain real estate.

A bill to repeal act No. 39 of the session laws of 1849, was read a third time and lost, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,

Mr. Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Montgomery,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,

Burrows,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,

Martin,
Mead,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,

Sacket,
Smith,
Street,
Willson,
Speaker, 38

A bill to provide for the publication of certain laws, was ordered to be read a third time, when Mr. Nathan Pierce moved to recommit to the committee on printing, with certain instructions. Lost.

Said bill was then read a third time and passed, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Speaker, 39

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlain,
Gidley,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
N. Pierce,
Root,

Mr. Spencer,
Street,
Winchell, 11

A bill to incorporate the Lawrence Literary Institute Association, read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, was read a third time, and,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Ordered laid on the table.

The following message was received from the Executive by the hands of H. S. Roberts, his Private Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 27, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act for the relief of Ezra Billings.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, March 28, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted,

A bill to amend an act to consolidate the laws relative to the establishment of a State Normal School, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

Said bill was read a first and second time and referred to the committee on education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House took up under the order of unfinished business, a bill for establishing a certain state road in the county of Branch, which was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes of 1846:

The question on which being on ordering it engrossed for a third reading,

The House refused to so order it, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,

Mr. Hayden,
Hooker,
Jones,
Kennedy,

Mr. King,
Price,
Sedgwick,
Stowbridge, 12

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Mr. Ives,
Kellogg,
Kenyon,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sackett,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Winchell,

Gidley,
Green,,Noyes,
Otis,

Speaker,

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A bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors:

The question being on concurring in the amendment of the committee of the whole, to strike out all after the enacting clause,

The same was non-concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Dox,Mr. Ives,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Morton,
Movius,Mr. Price,
Sackett,
Smith,
Street,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,Mr. Hayden,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Montgomery,
Moore,Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

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Mr. Leach offered the following amendment:

Amend section 1 by striking out all of the 3d line after the word "executed;" also by striking out all of the second subdivision of said section.

Section 2, strike from the 1st line the words "sub-division of the first:" also strike out all of said section after the word "offices," in the 3d line. Strike out all of sections 3 and 4.

Adopted.

Mr. Axford moved to indefinitely postpone the bill and amendments. Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,Mr. Ives,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Morton,
Movius,Mr. Sackett,
Smith,
Stockton,
Street,
Willson,

Carpenter,
Dox,
Hall,

Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. Moore,
Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,
Welles, 36

Mr. Otis offered the following amendment to stand at the end of section 6:

Provided, Every person having given bonds for the sale of liquor upon which suit is brought, shall be allowed to plead and prove as an offset, the character and worth of the individual at the time of his buying the liquor, and if it shall be made to appear to the court or jury, that said individual was good for nothing and worthless before he bought the liquor, the suit shall be discharged at the cost of the plaintiff. Lost.

Mr. Otis also offered the following amendment, to stand at the end of section 6:

Provided further, Any person taking the last sixpence from any drunkard, shall be allowed to plead and prove as an offset, that said drunkard has been an habitual drunkard in other grog shops, states or countries, and if it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the court or jury, that this last sixpence has assisted in riding his family from the burden he has been to them, the defendant shall be entitled to a judgment for the full value of such assistance with costs. Lost.

Mr. Quackenboss moved to lay on the table.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,

Mr. Hall,
Ives,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sacket,

Burrows,
Carpenter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Gidley,

Martin,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,

Smith,
Stockton,
Street,
Willson,
Speaker,

27

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Mead,
Moore,

Mr. Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

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The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Cartter,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,

Mr. Moore,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dox.

Mr. Fowle,
Ives,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Morton,
Movius,
Norton,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Sackett,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Willson,
Speaker,

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Mr. Clarke, from the committee on education, by unanimous consent of the House, reported back a bill to amend an act to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a State Normal School, recommended its passage and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bill was read a third time and passed.

The House then resumed the consideration of the order of unfinished business.

A bill to amend an act to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841;

The question on which being on concurring in the amendment of the committee of the whole, which was to strike out all after the enacting clause;

Pending which,

The bill and amendment were ordered laid on the table.

A bill to change the name of the village of Mount Pleasant to Long Lake, and to vacate a part of the plat thereof, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Fentonville and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company, was, under a suspension of the rules, ordered on motion of Mr. Hudson, read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill requiring the Auditor General of the state to cancel certain securities executed to him under the general banking law;

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Breedsville Plank Road Company;

A bill to authorize Delia C. Cole, Charles Henry Cole and Mariett Lovina Cole to convey certain real estate; and

A bill to authorize Reuben Perryne and David Perryne to build a dam across Grand River in the county of Eaton;

Were severally ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Adrian, approved April 6, 1841, was under consideration, when Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment thereto:

Amend section thirteen of the act above recited by striking out

all after the word "authority," in the first and second lines thereof, to and including the word "act," in the fourth line of said section as printed.

Adopted.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments of the committee of the whole to the bill to provide for altering the state road in the township of Moscow were concurred in and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to vacate a portion of the village of Grand River city in the county of Eaton;

A bill for the improvement of the Eaton, Barry and Allegan state road;

A bill to incorporate the Union Hall Association of the city of Monroe;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Northwestern Health Insurance Company, approved March 30, 1849; and

A bill to incorporate the Walker and Vergennes Plank Road Company;

Were severally ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Pontiac being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Axford,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, said bill was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to incorporate the Sons of Temperance Hall Association of the city of Detroit, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend chapter 93 of the revised statutes of 1846, and in addition thereto;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849;

A bill to amend chapter 56 of the revised statutes of 1846; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, approved March 28, 1849;

All reported back by the committee of the whole, with all after the enacting clause stricken out.

Said amendments were severally concurred in.

The amendment of the committee of the whole, which was to strike out all after the enacting clause, to the bill to amend section 5 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes of 1846, was concurred in.

Mr. Axford moved to lay the enacting clause on the table. Lost.

When, on motion of Mr. Barnes,

It was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to provide for statistical information was,

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

Indefinitely postponed, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Ives,
King,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Beers,
Britain,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
McCarty,

Mr. Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
Quackenboss,
Sacket,
Stockton,
Willson,

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A bill to incorporate the Clinton Institute being under consideration, the amendments thereto made by the committee of the whole were concurred in, and said bill, a suspension of the rules having been ordered,

On motion of Mr. Axford,

Was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

The amendments of the committee of the whole were severally concurred in to the bill to incorporate the village of Battle Creek, and the same as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendment of the committee of the whole to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to grant to school districts and religious denominations of professing Christians suitable grounds in the town of Michigan, belonging to the state, whereon to erect houses of public worship and for school houses, which amendment was to strike out all after the enacting clause, was concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Dennis,	Mr. Mead,	
Axford,	Duncan,	Movius,	
Barlow,	Fowle,	Norton,	
Barnes,	Gidley,	Price,	
Beers,	Hooker,	Root,	
Bonham,	Ives,	Sacket,	
Burrows,	Kenyon,	Sloan,	
Carpenter,	King,	Smith,	
Carter,	Kneeland,	Stowbridge,	
Colvin,	Leach,	Winchell,	
Clarke,	Martin,	Speaker,	33

NAYS

Mr. Britain,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Quackenboss,	
Chamberlin,	McCarty,	Renwick,	
Dox,	Montgomery,	Sedgwick,]	
Green,	Moore,	Spencer,	
Hall,	Morton,	Stockton,	
Hudson,	Noyes,	Street,	
Irvine,	Otis,	Welles,	
Jones,	J. B. Pierce,	Willson,	
Kellogg,	N. Pierce,		26

And on motion of Mr. Carter,

The enacting clause was indefinitely postponed.

The amendments of the committee of the whole to the bill to provide for the improvement of a certain state road leading from Lansing in Ingham county, passing through the villages of Charlotte and Bellevue in the county of Eaton, to the village of Battle Creek in the county of Calhoun, were severally concurred in.

Mr. Hussey offered the following amendments:

Strike out the word "first" in the third line of section three, and insert "twentieth." Also insert after "next" in the same line, "and on the first day of April in each succeeding year."

Adopted, and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments of the committee of the whole to a bill to amend

an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson county Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved April 1, 1840, were concurred in, and the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments of the committee of the whole to the bill to amend an act entitled an act in aid of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, approved March 31, 1849, which amendment was to strike out all after the enacting clause, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Clarke in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon arose, and by their chairman reported back to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill establishing police regulations for the preservation of property along the the line of railroads, and for other purposes;
2. A bill to provide for the appraisal of certain lands in Berrien county;
3. A bill to authorize the township of Baltimore, in the county of Barry, to take stock in the Baule Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company;
4. A bill to provide for the collection and payment of taxes assessed or sold and part-paid for primary school and university lands;
5. A bill for altering a certain road in the county of Jackson;
6. A bill to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a State normal school; and
7. A bill to encourage immigration, each with amendments.

Also, without amendment,

8. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually

due upon the part-paid five million loan bonds, approved April 1, 1848;

9. A bill to amend certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9th, 1841;

10. A bill to amend chapter 20 of title 5 of the revised statutes of 1846, in reference to deeds on tax sales;

11. A bill relative to furnishing certain laws, journals and documents to the Michigan State Agricultural Society for the use of a library;

12. A bill to alter the township line between Springwells and Greenfield, in the county of Wayne;

13. A bill relative to conveyances in the city of Detroit;

14. A bill to incorporate the Piscataqua Mining Company of Michigan;

15. A bill to allow the commissioners of the township of Penfield to alter the state road;

16. A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road;

17. A bill to incorporate the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company;

18. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the corporation of the village of Adrian to borrow money for the purposes therein mentioned, approved April 3, 1848;

19. A bill to incorporate the Northern Michigan Telegraph Company;

20. A bill to vacate the village plat of New Milwaukie City in the township of Birchville in the county of St. Clair;

21. A bill to incorporate the Muskegon Manufacturing Company;

22. A bill to incorporate the city of Grand Rapids;

23. A bill to authorize school district No. 2 in the township of Holland to borrow money to build a school house;

24. A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road;

25. A bill to incorporate the Forest Mining Company;

26. A bill to authorize Harriet J. Sergeant, Caroline Beckwith and Olive E. Carter to convey certain lands;

27. A bill to release to Mrs. Margaret Moore, the interest of the state in a certain lot in the city of Detroit;

28. A bill changing the terms of the County Court in the counties of Mackinaw, Sanilac and Lapeer;

29. Joint resolution for the relief of Andrew V. Booskirk, and others;

30. A joint resolution instructing the Attorney General to notify Charles G. Hammond, late Auditor General of the State of Michigan, to return a certain sum of money drawn from the treasury without authority of law;

31. A bill to organize a school district for colored children, in the village of Niles;

32. A bill to incorporate the Swampscot Mining Company of Michigan;

33. A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Lenox Plank Road Company;

34. A bill to provide for the sale of a site to school district No. 4 in Tecumseh;

35. A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Mooreville Plank Road Company;

36. A bill to provide for the liquidation of a certain demand against the estate of Justus Burdick, deceased; and

37. A bill authorizing the Board of Auditors of the county of Wayne to build a bridge across the river Ecorse;

In all which they asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments of the committee to the first named bill, which was to strike out all after the enacting clause, the same was non-concurred in.

Mr. Spencer offered the following amendments thereto:

Strike out sections 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 of the bill and add a new section to stand as section 3, viz:

"Sec. 3. Any justice of the peace in this state may have jurisdiction of any suit arising under the provisions of this act."

Adopted.

Mr. Hussey offered the following to stand at the end of sec. 4:

And every company who shall employ an engineer who is in the habit of getting intoxicated, or continue him in their employ after they ascertain he is addicted to such habit, shall be liable to a fine of \$100, to be collected by prosecution before any court of competent jurisdiction in this state, by any person entering complaint, and such fine shall be appropriated to the general school fund."

Adopted.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Cartter moved that the House adjourn. Lost.

The question being on concurring in the amendment of the committee of the whole to the second named,

Pending which,

Mr. Noyes offered the following amendment to the amendment: strike out "6," in the amendment, and insert "12." Lost.

The amendment of the committee of the whole was then concurred in, and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Mr. Gidley,
Hall,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Root,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Clarke,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Jones,

Mr. Kneeland,
Movius,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Strowbridge, 15

The question being on concurring in the amendments of the committee of the whole to the third named,

Pending which,

Mr. Green moved to strike out the word "all," in said amendment, and insert "two-thirds." Adopted.

And the amendment as amended, was concurred in; when

Mr. Hayden moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Agreed to, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Barnes,	Kellogg,	N. Pierce,
Bonham,	Kenyon,	Renwick,
Britain,	King,	Sackett,
Carpenter,	Leach,	Sedgwick,
Cartter,	Montgomery,	Sloan,
Clarke,	Morton,	Spencer,
Hayden,	Norton,	Street,
Hooker,	Noyes,	Stowbridge,
Hudson,	Otis,	Welles,
Hussey,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gidley,	Mr. Moore,
Barlow,	Green,	Movius,
Bears,	Hall,	Price,
Burrows,	Irvine,	Quackenboss,
Chamberlin,	Jones,	Root,
Colvin,	Kennedy,	Stockton,
Dennis,	Kneeland,	Willson,
Dox,	Martin,	Winchell,
Duncan,	Mead,	Speaker,
Fowle,		

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Mr. Cartter moved to lay the enacting clause on the table.

Agreed to.

Mr. Britain moved to reconsider the vote by which the House agreed to strike out all after the enacting clause of said bill, when,

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

Mr. Britain's motion was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

A suspension of the rules was ordered, and a bill to amend an act to incorporate the North Western Health Insurance Company, approved March 30, 1849, was ordered to a third reading; was so read and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hayden,	Mr. Movius,	
Axford,	Hall,	Noyes,	
Barlow,	Hussey,	N. Pierce,	
Beers,	Irvine,	Price,	
Burrows,	Ives,	Quickenboss,	
Carpenter,	Jones,	Kenwick,	
Carter,	Kenyon,	Root,	
Chamberlain,	King,	Sackett,	
Dennis,	Kneeland,	Sloan,	
Dox,	Leach,	Stockton,	
Duncan,	McCarty,	Welles,	
Fowle,	Mead,	Willson,	
Gidley,	Montgomery,	Speaker,	
Green,	Morton,		41

NAYS:

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Hooker,	Mr. Spencer,	
Clarke,	Norton,	Street,	6

On motion of Mr. Hooker,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Friday, March 29, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

The journal was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton submitted the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill establishing rates of toll of Flint and Saginaw navigation company, report the same back to the House, recommended its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to organize the county of Midland;

A bill in relation to certain taxes in the southern part of the county of Gratiot;

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ontonagon Plank or Train Rail Road Company;

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Dennis submitted the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill to amend an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, report the same back with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is asked, and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to repeal section 26 of chapter 30 of revised statutes of 1846, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. J. B. Pierce reported the claim of R. W. Ingals and others, for newspapers and stationery, and asked their reference to the committee on supplies.

Ordered so referred.

Mr. Moore, from the minority of the committee on state affairs, submitted the following report:

The minority of your committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 125, to encourage immigration, do, with great deference for the acts of the Senate and respect for the opinions of a majority of your committee, beg leave most respectfully to report against the passage of the bill.

In the opinion of the undersigned of your committee, the utility of the policy contemplated by this bill is very doubtful, and would be even if carried out in the most able and judicious manner.

From the experiments thus far tried, which have cost the State several thousands, no proof can be deduced by us which favors a longer continuance of the project.

It does not appear to your committee that immigration has been

perceptibly increased by such agency; and we are informed that the flourishing colony located in the county of Allegan was not influenced to our State by the efforts of a *public* agent, as has been represented, but by the efforts of a private gentleman of that county, Mr. Kellogg.

This agency, as your committee understand it, has direct if not entire reference to Germany—than whom a more highly educated and intelligent people do not exist. And it cannot be admitted for a moment that such people generally leave their native country unadvisedly.

They usually migrate in companies, with some very intelligent gentlemen of wealth to conduct the move, with their place of destination fixed before leaving their native home; and the few who come singly commonly follow their respective friends and acquaintances who have preceded them. The ignorant of this class can scarcely be induced to locate elsewhere, and the intelligent are above much control of this kind.

And your committee also object to the manner in which this bill provides for the appointment of such agent.

The members of a joint convention may all know very well what qualifications are necessary to render such an agent efficient—but can we all know who possesses them? And if not, then we cast our vote blindly, and without much responsibility.

What member of such meeting would feel himself responsible for the conduct of an officer so created. And what man would not feel himself accountable for the acts of a public servant, if such servant was placed in power by his act alone?

The power of appointments, which is nearest to the ballot box in effect, is lodged with the Governor and Senate, and when for convenience we depart from the former we should resort to the latter, and then hold the Executive amenable for the integrity and ability of the officer so nominated by him.

In this way the people have a good voucher—"the paper is well endorsed." The Governor being elected by and known to all, is held responsible to all for every public act. In this way we have the same guarantee of the ability and fidelity of an agent so appointed as of the Executive's himself—his standing being equally at stake in both cases.

The full appointing power, *without* the concurrence of the Senate, in the opinion of the undersigned, ought to be very limited—but with this check, it is safer than any other, short of the ballot box.

The minority of your committee are not in love with the *one-man* power—nor in favor of the *no-man* power, and such they consider the joint convention power. But on the contrary, they believe that the people should elect, by direct vote at the polls, all officers who are *within* their knowledge of the *merits* and *capacity* of the candidates. Those beyond this knowledge (and the people are not acquainted with every applicant for a petty office or clerkship connected with the capitol and State departments,) had better be appointed by the Governor and Senate, for without this acquaintance we could not judge of their fitness for such place. But, if it is sought to place the election of an officer or agent entirely above and beyond all responsibility to the people, lodge it in a joint convention, and divide up the responsibility among its several members, and you will have done it most effectually; for, I repeat, no one will feel himself answerable for the conduct of an officer so created; and if any member of such convention should chance to be called to an account by his constituents, I think his reply would run something after this manner:

“Well, *I* didn’t know anything about the man myself, but somebody told me that he was a very clever fellow, and could exert a good deal of influence in getting through certain important bills—which, by the by, could not stand alone—and so we thought we would try him a year or so. It won’t cost more than ten or twelve hundred dollars, any how.”

And here we have them, two or more at a birth—and monster twins they are—conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity.

And all this is brought about under the specious plea that we, the Legislature, are nearer the dear people than the Executive is.

Are we nearer the people than the Governor is? Do the people know us better than they do him? Do they watch us more closely? No, no. The people scarcely know us at all—they never heard of many of us before, and may never hear of us again. And hence they should never trust us with any such corrupting powers, but should place it in the hands of such men as are *within* the reach of public censure or commendation—and that is with the Governor and Senate.

HIRAM MOORE.

Mr. Roberts submitted the following:

The committee on mines and minerals having made the amendments to the several bills for mining before the House, in pursuance of instruction, respectfully report the same back and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

E. J. ROBERTS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills placed on the order of third reading.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 28, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act for the relief of Alfred Ashley;

An act to authorize Levi C. Mathews, S. S. Riley and William R. Eck to erect a dam across the St. Joseph river on section 1, town 6 south of range 9 west, in the county of St. Joseph;

An act in relation to moneys received for licences in the county of Monroe;

An act for the improvement of the state road from the village of Flint to Lansing, laid out under the provisions of section 3 of an act entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, approved April 1, 1848;

An act to change the name of Celestia Rebecca Richards;

An act to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings;

An act supplemental to an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices, approved February 28, 1850;

An act to re-annex a portion of the township of Allendale to the township of Holland, in the county of Ottawa;

An act to organize certain townships, and for other purposes; and

An act to amend the charter of the village of Niles.

JNO. S. BARRY.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Barlow,

The bill to authorize the township of Baltimore in the county of Barry to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company, was taken from the table.

Mr. Noyes moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday by which all after the enacting clause in said bill was stricken out.

Agreed to by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Beers,
Bonham,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Jones,
Kennedy.
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Dox,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Ives,

Mr. Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Norton,
Otis,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Sicket,
Smith,
Spencer,
Street,

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Mr. Quackenboss moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday by which "all" was stricken out in said bill and "two-thirds" inserted.

Agreed to.

And the question being taken on striking out "all" and inserting "two-thirds," the same was lost.

The question was then taken on striking out all after the enacting clause. Lost.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Roberts, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced the following entitled bills:

A bill to amend chapter 23 of the revised statutes of 1846 relative to highway taxes;

A bill for the relief of the county of Chippewa;

A bill to authorize John Bacon and John Senter to erect a warehouse and wharf on Eagle River.

Severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Dennis gave notice that he would ask leave on some future day to introduce a bill to provide for paying the State Printer and to fix the price of printing.

On motion of Mr. Britain,

A bill to incorporate the Niles Union Hall Association, was taken from the table.

On Mr. Britain's motion,

The blank in sec. 6 was filled with the words "March 8th."

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House will on and after this evening, hold evening sessions, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Adopted.

Mr. Hussey, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Battle Creek.

Read twice and referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Axford gave notice that on to-morrow, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to reduce the price of University lands in the county of Oakland, in certain cases.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 28, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is returned,

A bill to provide for the collection of taxes assessed on personal property in certain cases, in the House amendment to the Senate amendment of which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have concurred.

Also, is transmitted herewith, a bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and the acts amendatory thereto, and I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred, by a

two-thirds vote, in the 3d and 5th House amendments thereto, and have non-concurred in the 1st, 2nd and 4th amendments.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The first named was ordered enrolled.

The House receded from their 1st and 2d amendments, to the second named.

Mr. Clark moved that the House insist upon its 4th amendment. Lost.

Mr. Moore moved that the House recede. Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Beers,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Jones,
Martin,
McCarty,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Roberts,
Sacket,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Britan,
Burrows,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dox,
Fowle,
Hooker,

Mr. Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Mead,
Movius,

Mr. Norton,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sloan,
Smith,
Stockton,

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On motion of Mr. Clark,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate, on the disagreement on said bill.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Clark, Hayden and Gidley, said committee.

Also the following from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, March 28, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill to change the name of Ervine Eugene Bidler;
2. A bill to attach the county of Huron to Sanilac for legislative and other purposes;
3. A bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839;
4. A bill to provide for paying certain expenses incurred and authorized by the adjutant general in securing and repairing arms, ordnance and accoutrements belonging to the state;
5. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereto;
6. A bill to provide for establishing the seat of justice for the county of Newaygo; and
7. A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company in the county of Washtenaw;

And to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, the two last named by a two-thirds vote, and the 1st, 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th named with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to transmit the following entitled bills and joint resolutions:

8. A bill to incorporate the Homer and Jonesville Plank Road Company;
9. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Genesee County Plank Road Company;
10. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the commissioner of the state land office to sell certain university lands, approved February 9th, 1849;
11. A bill to repeal the acts incorporating the village of Ann Arbor;
12. Preamble and joint resolutions relative to a grant of public lands to officers who served in the war with Mexico;
13. Joint resolutions relating to the Union;

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, the 8th, 9th and 11th named by a two-thirds vote, and to respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The amendments to the first and second named were concurred in and the same ordered enrolled.

The 3d was ordered enrolled.

The amendments to the 4th and 5th named were concurred in and the same ordered enrolled.

The sixth named,

On motion of Mr. Movius,

Was ordered laid on the table.

The amendments to the 7th named were concurred in, and the same ordered enrolled.

The 8th, 9th and 11th, severally read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The 10th was twice read and referred to the committee on education.

The 12th named was twice read and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The 13th, twice read and referred to the committee on federal relations.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having arrived at the order of bills for a third reading, A bill establishing police regulations for the preservation of property on the line rail roads and for other purposes, was read a third time, when

Mr. Hayden moved its indefinite postponement.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

It was ordered laid on the table.

A bill to vacate a portion of the village of Grand River City in the county of Eaton, was read a third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Union Hall Association of the city of Monroe, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Breedsville Plank Road Company, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to incorporate the Walker and Vergennes Plank Road Company, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to authorize Delia C. Cole, Charles Henry Cole and Mariett

Lovina Cole, to convey certain real estate, was read a third time and passed.

A bill requiring the Auditor General of the State to cancel certain securities executed to him under the general banking law, was read a third time and passed.

A bill to change the name of the village of Mt. Pleasant to Long Lake, and to vacate a part of the plat thereof, was read a third time and passed.

A bill to provide for the appraisal of certain lands in Berrien county, read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ives,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,	
Axford,	Jones,	Price,	
Barlow,	Kellogg,	Quackenboss,	
Barnes,	Kennedy,	Roberts,	
Beers,	Kenyon,	Root,	
Bonham,	King,	Sackett,	
Britain,	Martin,	Smith,	
Burrows,	McCarty,	Spencer,	
Dennis,	Mead,	Stockton,	
Dox,	Montgomery,	Street,	
Gidley,	Moore,	Welles,	
Hall,	Morton,	Willson,	
Hudson,	Norton,	Winchell,	
Hussey,	Otis,	Speaker,	42

NAYS:

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. Hooker,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Chamberlain,	Kneeland,	Renwick,	
Colvin,	Leach,	Sedgwick,	
Clarke,	Movius,	Sloan,	
Green,	Noyes,	Strowbridge,	
Hayden,			16

A bill to authorize Reuben Perryne and David Perryne to build a dam across Grand River, in the county of Eaton, was read a third time and passed.

A bill for the improvement of the Eaton, Barry and Allegan state road, was read a third time and passed.

A bill for establishing a certain state road in the county of Branch, was read a third time and passed.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to incorpo-

rate the village of Adrian, approved April 6, 1841, was read a third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Sons of Temperance Hall Association of the city of Detroit, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to provide for the altering the state road in the township of Moscow, county of Hillsdale, was read a third time and passed.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson county Mutual Fire Insurance Company, passed April 1st, A. D. 1840, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to incorporate the village of Battle Creek, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors, was read a third time and lost, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carter,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
McCarty,
Moore,

Mr. Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Strowbridge,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Ives,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Morton,
Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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A bill to provide for the improvement of a certain State road leading from Lansing in the county of Ingham, passing through the villages of Charlotte and Bellevue in the county of Eaton, to the village of Battle Creek in the county of Calhoun, was read a third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Peninsular Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company of Michigan;

A bill to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company;

Were severally read a third time, and,

On motion of Mr. Britain,

Recommended to the committee on mines and minerals with instructions to strike out banking and brokerage powers from the 10th section.

The House having arrived at the special order of the day, which was

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern Rail Road, and to incorporate the Michigan Southern Rail Road Company, approved May 9, 1846;

And, the same being under consideration,

Mr. Axford offered the following amendment thereto:

Strike out all after the word "St. Joseph," in the 4th line of section 6, and insert: "*Provided however,* That nothing contained in this act, or the act to which this is amendatory shall be construed so as to authorize said company to locate or construct any part of its rail road, or any branch thereof, within two miles of the Indiana state line."

After some debate thereon,

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

The House took a recess until half-past 2 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session.

½ past 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Hon. Mr. Quackenboss.

The House then resumed the consideration of the special order.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Axford,

Pending which,

Mr. Sedgwick offered the following amendment thereto:

Until the Michigan Central railroad company shall have secured the right of way to extend their railroad from Michigan City to the Illinois line, in the direction of Chicago.

After some debate, the question was taken thereon, and the same lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dox,
Gidley,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
Price,

Mr. Renwick,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,

Mr. Hooker,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,

Mr. Morton,
Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Smith,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The question was then taken on Mr. Axford's amendment, and the same was not agreed to, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,

Hooker,
Hudson,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Mr. Otis,
Price,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,

Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dox,

Leach,
Movius,
Noyes,

Sloan,
Street,
Strowbridge,

22

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Movius offered the following amendment:

Add to section 6: "Nothing in this act, or the act to which this is amendatory, shall be so construed as to authorize the Michigan Southern railroad company to obtain or hold the exclusive right of way around the south shore of lake Michigan, or to connect their road with the railroad of any other company out of this state, holding any right to acquire the exclusive right of way around the south shore of lake Michigan."

Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Gidley,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
Price,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

25

NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Colvin,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Lester,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,

Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Irvine,

Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moose,
Morton,
Norton,

Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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Mr. Sedgwick offered the following amendment:

Add after the word "river," in the 5th line of section 6, the words "and thence westerly."

After some debate, the question was taken and the same lost, as follows.

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dox,
Gidley,

Mr. Hayden,
Hooker,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. Price,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,

25

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow.
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson,
Speaker,

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Mr. Movius offered the following amendment:

Insert in section 10, line 1, between the words "the" and "said," the words "stockholders of."

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,

Mr. Dox,
Gidley,
Hooker,
Kenyon,

Mr. Otis,
Price,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,

Carter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,

Kneeland,
Movius,
Noyes,

Sloan,
Street,
Strowbridge, 21

NAYS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker. 39

Mr. Strowbridge moved the previous question. Which was ordered.

And the question being, shall the main question be now put? it was agreed to.

The main question, being its engrossment for a third reading, it was decided affirmatively, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker, 42

NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dox,

Mr. Gidley,
Hooker,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. Price,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Street,
Strowbridge, 20

Mr. Mead moved a suspension of the rules, and that said bill be now read a third time.

Pending which,

Mr. Movius moved a call of the House. Call ordered.

The roll was called, Mr. Hudson absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The rules were then suspended by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Norton,
Barnes,	Ives,	J. B. Pierce,
Beers,	Jones,	N. Pierce,
Bonham,	Kellogg,	Quackenboss,
Britain,	Kennedy,	Renwick,
Colvin,	King,	Roberts,
Dennis,	Leach,	Root,
Duncan,	Lester,	Smith,
Fowle,	Martin,	Spencer,
Gidley,	McCarty,	Stockton,
Green,	Mead,	Stowbridge,
Hall,	Montgomery,	Willson,
Hayden,	Moore,	Winchell,
Hussey,	Morton,	Speaker, 42

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Dox,	Mr. Otis,
Axford,	Hooker,	Price,
Burrows,	Hudson,	Sacket,
Carpenter,	Kenyon,	Sedgwick,
Carter,	Kneeland,	Sloan,
Chamberlain,	Movius,	Street,
Clarke,	Noyes,	Welles, 21

The bill was then read a third time and lost by the following vote, two-thirds of the members not voting therefor, viz.:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Barnes,	Kellogg,	N. Pierce,
Beers,	Kennedy,	Quackenboss,
Britain,	King,	Renwick,
Colvin,	Leach,	Roberts,
Dennis,	Lester,	Root,
Duncan,	Martin,	Smith,
Fowle,	McCarty,	Spencer,
Green,	Mead,	Stockton,
Hall,	Montgomery,	Welles,

Hayden,
Irvine,
Ives,

Moore,
Morton,
Norton,

Willson,
Winchell.
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,

Mr. Dox,
Gidley,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Movius,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
Price,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Street,
Strowbridge, 24

On motion of Mr. Cartter,
The House adjourned.

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Evening Session.

7 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Hon. Mr. Quackenbosc.
The roll was called. A quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee on mines and minerals, submitted the following:

The committee on mines and minerals, to whom was referred several bills incorporating mining companies, with instructions to amend, have conformed to the same, and in each bill made the 10th section to read according to such instructions, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

E. J. ROBERTS, *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said bills placed on the order of bills for a third reading.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

A bill to provide for establishing the seat of justice of the county of Newaygo, was taken from the table.

The Senate amendments thereto were concurred in, and the same ordered enrolled.

Mr. Clarke moved to take from the table Senate bill No. 44, to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels.

Agreed to, and said bill put upon its final passage and passed.

Mr. Winchell moved to take from the table the bill to amend an act entitled an act to grant to school districts and religious denominations of professing Christians suitable grounds in the town of Michigan, belonging to the State, whereon to erect houses of public worship and school houses.

Pending which, the chair stating that said bill had been returned to the Senate, Mr. Britain moved that the clerk of the House be instructed to procure said bill from the Senate.

Agreed to.

Mr. Axford, on leave, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to reduce the price of University lands in the county of Oakland in certain cases.

Referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Burrows moved a reconsideration of the vote of to-day by which was lost a bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of the Southern Railroad and to incorporate the Michigan Southern Railroad Company, approved May 9, 1846.

Pending which,

Mr. Movius moved a call of the House.

Call ordered.

The roll was called. Mr. Dox absent without leave.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to procure the attendance of Mr. Dox.

Mr. Dox soon after appearing in his seat,

On motion of Mr. Harris,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Burrows to reconsider, which was agreed to.

Mr. Cartter mover that the further consideration of said bill be postponed until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Lost.

The question then recurring on the final passage of the bill,

After extended debate thereon by several members,

Mr. Street moved that it be recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, with the following instructions:

Insert the following, to come in at the end of section 6: "*Proxi-*

ded, That nothing contained in this act or the act to which this is amendatory shall be so construed as to give the said Michigan Southern Rail Road Company the right to construct and continue the said Michigan Southern rail road from the village of Constantine to the state line of Indiana within one year after the passage of this act, and until the Legislature shall have acted on said charter at the next session."

Mr. Hudson moved that the House adjourn. Lost.

Mr. N. Pierce moved a call of the House. Lost.

Mr. Leach moved that the House adjourn. Lost.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Street to recommit,

The same was agreed to.

The committee on banks and incorporations soon thereafter reported back the bill, amended as instructed.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The question then recurring on the final passage of the bill,

Mr. Harris moved the previous question thereon.

Pending which,

Mr. Willson moved that the House adjourn.

Lost.

The main question was then ordered and put, and said bill passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Barnes,
Beers,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. Norton,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Street,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Clarke,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
Price,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Strowbridge,

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On motion of Mr. Morton,
The House adjourned.

Lansing, Saturday, March 30, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Ives,

Leave of absence for the day was granted to Mr. Street on account of illness.

The journal of yesterday was approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. J. B. Pierce submitted the following report:

The committee on claims to whom was referred the claim of Geo-
Mathews for damages against this State in consequence of the State
having deeded to the said Mathews a certain piece of land which had
been previously located, have had the same under consideration and
directed their chairman to report that it is to be regretted that any of
the State lands should be located twice, but as there has been more
land appropriated for different purposes than the State owned, it is to
be feared that many such mistakes will yet be made; and as the
claimant has had his warrant returned and had made no improve-
ments on the land, your committee are of the opinion that the said
Mathews has no claim against the State, and recommend that no fur-
ther action be had on the matter.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Kenyon, from the committee on state affairs, submitted the
following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred the pream-
ble and joint resolutions relative to a grant of the public lands to of-

ficers who served in the war with Mexico, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed their chairman to return the same to the House, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said preamble and resolution referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton submitted the following:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Homer and Jonesville Plank Road Company, report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to provide for the collection of taxes assessed on personal property in certain cases;

A bill to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company.

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. J. B. Pierce, from the committee on claims, reported the claim of John E. Schwarz, for services as Quartermaster General, and asked its reference to the committee of ways and means.

Ordered so referred.

Mr. Movius submitted the following report:

The committee on the state library, to whom was recommitted the bill to provide for the better management and care of the state library, with instructions to amend in such a manner so as to require the librarian to give good and sufficient bonds for all property entrusted to him as such officer, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty and herewith report back the bill as amended, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

JULIUS MOVIUS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said bill ordered engrossed for a third reading.

MESSAGES.

The following message was received from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 29, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to organize the county of Midland;

An act to incorporate the Battle Breek Mill Canal Company;

An act to incorporate the Ontonagon Plank Road Company; and

An act in relation to certain taxes in the southern part of the county of Gratiot.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 29, 1850. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I am prepared to make nominations for members of the Board of Education when it shall suit the convenience of the Senate and House of Representatives to meet in joint convention to receive and consider the same.

JNO. S. BARRY.

When Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring,) That the two houses will meet in joint convention this day at 3 o'clock P. M., to receive any nominations the Executive may be pleased to make.

Agreed to.

Also, the following from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 29, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to inform you that the Senate insist upon their disagreement on a bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and the acts amendatory thereto, and have appointed Senators Walbridge, Summers and Isbell a committee of conference on the part of the Senate, on the disagreement between the two houses on the bill.

Also to transmit a bill to amend an act entitled an act in aid of the State Michigan Agricultural Society, approved March 31, 1849, and to inform you that the Senate non-concur in the House amendment thereto.

Also, to inform you that the Senate have, by a two-thirds vote, concurred in the House amendment to a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, approved April 1, 1840, and have ordered the bill enrolled.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The House insisted on their amendment to the 2d named bill.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee of conference on the part of the two houses, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference upon the disagreement between the two houses upon the bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and the acts amendatory thereto, respectfully report:

That they have considered the subject referred to them and recommend that the said section twenty-three be amended by inserting after the word "district," in the third line, the words "within said corporation," and by striking out the words "of school inspectors" in the fourth line, and inserting in the same line, before the word "boards," the word "district;" and by striking out the word "townships" in the fifth line, and by inserting in place thereof the words "school districts," and by striking out all of said section after the word "state," where it first occurs in said fifth line; and that both houses concur therein.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HOVEY K. CLARKE,
Ch'n of House Com.
D. S. WALBRIDGE,
Cl'n Senate Com.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and their recommendation concurred in.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Roberts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the special order of this day be postponed until 24 o'clock, on Tuesday next.

Agreed to by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,
Lester,

Mr. Movius,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Street,
Spencer,

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Mr. Clarke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the remainder of this session all bills when ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, shall be immediately read a third time and put upon their final passage.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hussey, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to change the system, management and regulations of the state prison.

Ordered laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Spencer, by consent, introduced the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the Superintendent of Public Instruction be and he is hereby authorized, if he shall deem it for the best interest of the State and the Department of Education, to order one copy of the Journal of Education, a paper proposed to be published at Ypsilanti in this State, to each of the several boards of school inspectors of this State, for such length of time as may to him be deemed expedient, and the said superintendent shall certify to the Auditor General

the number of copies so ordered, with the amount due for the same, which shall be paid for out of the primary school fund.

Mr. Bonham moved a suspension of the rules and that said resolution be put on its final passage. Lost.

When, on motion of Mr. Cartter,

It was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Barlow moved a reconsideration of the vote of last evening by which was passed a bill to amend an act to authorize the sale of the Southern Railroad and to incorporate the Michigan Southern Railroad Company, approved May 9, 1846.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barlow,
Gidley,
Jones,

Mr. Noyes,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Sacket,
Sloan,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Montgomery,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. Norton,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Dennis, pursuant to previous notice, on leave, introduced a bill to regulate and fix the prices to be paid for state printing, and for other purposes.

Which was twice read, and,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Dennis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed

to provide for paying the fireman of the House fifty cents in addition to his compensation as now fixed by law, and twenty-five cents to each of the messengers in addition to their present compensation.

Adopted.

Mr Movius offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That rule 10 of the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives be suspended during the remainder of this session.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mead moved to suspend all of rule 28th after the word "reconsideration," where it first occurs in the sixth line, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Axford,

Ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis, by unanimous consent, submitted the following report:

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend chapter 23 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highway taxes; a bill for the relief of the county of Chippewa, and a bill to authorize John Bacon and John Senter to erect a warehouse on Eagle River, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report said bills back to the House, and ask to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bills severally referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 30, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to grant to school districts and religious denominations of professing Christians suitable [grounds in the town of Michigan, whereon to erect houses of public worship and school houses, which I am instructed to respectfully inform you

the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

Said bill was read a first and second time and referred to the committee on federal relations.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The House having arrived at the order of third reading of bills, took up and passed the following entitled bills:

A bill to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company of Michigan, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Moore,	
Axford,	Hayden,	Morton,	
Barlow,	Ives,	Movius,	
Barnes,	Jones,	Noyes,	
Beers,	Kellogg,	Otis,	
Burrows,	Kennedy,	J. B. Pierce,	
Carpenter,	Kenyon,	Price,	
Cartter,	King,	Quackenboss,	
Chamberlin,	Kneeland,	Roberts,	
Colvin,	Leach,	Root,	
Dennis,	Lester,	Sackett,	
Dox,	Martin,	Smith,	
Fowle,	McCarty,	Stockton,	
Gidley,	Mead,	Winchell,	
Green,	Montgomery,	Speaker,	45

NAYS.

Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Hooker,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Duncan,	Hussey,	Renwick,	6

Also the following:

A bill to incorporate the Peninsular Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company.

Each by the following vote:

YEAS

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Mr. Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
McCarty,

Mr. Montgomery,
Moore,
Movius,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sacket,
Sloan,
Smith,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS

Mr. Clarke,

Mr. Hooker,

Mr. N. Pierce,

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Also the following:

A bill to authorize the town of Baltimore to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company;

A bill to form a board of supervisors for the county of Chippewa;

A bill to incorporate the Niles Union Hall Association, by a two-thirds vote; and

A bill to authorize the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to build a bridge across the river Ecorse.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 30, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is returned,

A concurrent resolution relative to a joint convention, in which am instructed to inform you the Senate have concurred.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House took up under the order of unfinished business, a bill to provide for the liquidation of a certain demand against the estate of Justus Burdick, deceased.

The amendments of the committee of the whole were concurred in, the bill ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed.

Also the following, reported back by committee of the whole without amendment, ordered to a third reading, were so read and passed, the two last named by a two-thirds vote, viz:

A bill to provide for the sale of a site to school district No. 4 in Tecumseh, for a school house;

A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Mooreville Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Lenox Plank Road Company.

A bill to incorporate the Piscataqua Mining Company of Michigan;

A bill to incorporate the Forest Mining Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Swampscot Mining Company of Michigan;

Reported back by committee of the whole without amendment, were severally read a third time, and,

On Mr. Cartter's motion,

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to amend the same so that they will correspond with the other mining company bills passed at this session of the Legislature.

A bill to organize a school district for colored children, in the village of Niles, being under consideration,

Mr. Abbott moved to strike out all after the enacting clause. Lost.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed.

A joint resolution instructing the Attorney General to notify Charles G. Hammond, late Auditor General of the State of Michigan, to return a certain sum of money drawn from the treasury without authority of law, being under consideration,

Mr. Morton moved its indefinite postponement.

Agreed to.

A bill changing the terms of the County Court in the counties of Mackinaw, Sanilac and Lapeer;

Joint resolution for the relief of Andrew V. Booskirk, and others;

A bill to release to Mrs. Margaret Moore, the interest of the state in a certain lot in the city of Detroit;

A bill to authorize Harriet J. Sergeant, Caroline Beckwith and Olive E. Carter to convey certain lands;

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road;

A bill to authorize school district No. 2 in the township of Holland to borrow money to build a school house;

A bill to incorporate the Northern Michigan Telegraph Company;

Severally reported back by the committee of the whole without amendment, were ordered to a third reading, were severally so read and passed, the last named by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to lay out, establish and improve a certain state road, was,

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

Ordered laid on the table.

A bill to incorporate the city of Grand Rapids, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Montgomery,
Morton,

Mr. Noyes,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Cartter,
Dox,
Hooker,

Mr. Kneeland,
Norton,
Otis,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Price,

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A bill to incorporate the Muskegon Manufacturing Company;

A bill to vacate the village plat of New Milwaukie City in the township of Birchville in the county of St. Clair;

Were severally read a third time and passed, the 1st named by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the corporation of Adrian to borrow money for the purposes therein mentioned, was ordered to a third reading, was so read and lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Montgomery,	
Barlow,	Hall,	Stockton,	
Burrows,	Kennedy,	Willson,	
Dennis,	Lester,	Winchell,	
Dox,	Martin,	Speaker,	
Gidley,	Mead,		17

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. N. Pierce,	
Barnes,	Ives,	J. B. Pierce,	
Britain,	Jones,	Price,	
Carpenter,	Kellogg,	Quackenboss,	
Cartter,	Kenyon,	Renwick,	
Colvin,	King,	Sacket,	
Clarke,	Kneeland,	Sedgwick,	
Duncan,	Leach,	Sloan,	
Fowle,	Movius,	Smith,	
Hayden,	Norton,	Spencer,	
Hooker,	Noyes,	Stowbridge,	
Hudson,	Otis,		35

A bill to incorporate the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to allow the commissioners of the township of Pennfield to alter a certain state road, being under consideration, was, on motion of Mr. Barlow,

Ordered laid on the table.

A bill relative to conveyances in the city of Detroit, being under consideration, Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment thereto:

Strike out "regarded" in line 3, sec. 1, and insert "required."

Agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this state, and also for

liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part-paid five million loan bonds, approved April 1, 1848;

A bill to amend certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841;

Joint resolution relative to furnishing certain laws, journals and documents to the Michigan State Agricultural Society, for the use of a library;

A bill to alter the township line between Springwells and Greenfield, in the county of Wayne; and

A bill to amend chapter 20 of title 5 of the revised statutes of 1846, in reference to deeds on tax sales,

Severally reported back by committee of the whole without amendment, were severally ordered to be read a third time, were so read and passed.

The amendment of the committee of the whole to the bill to provide for the collection and payment of taxes assessed upon sold and part paid for university and primary school lands, was concurred in, the same ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed by the House.

The amendment to the bill for altering a certain state road in the county of Jackson, made in committee of the whole, which amendment was to strike out all after the enacting clause, was concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Jones,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Montgomery,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Price,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Barlow,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Cartier,
Colvin,

Mr. Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,

Mr. Moore,
J. B. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Sackett,
Willson,

Dox.
Hall,

Martin,
Mead,

Speaker,

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The bill to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a state normal school, being under consideration,

The question on which being on concurring in the amendment of the committee of the whole, to strike out all after the enacting clause,

Pending which,

On motion of Movius,

The bill was indefinitely postponed.

The amendments of the committee of the whole to the bill to encourage emigration, were concurred in, and the question being on ordering it to a third reading,

Mr. Axford offered the following amendment thereto:

“ Said commissioner shall, while in the city of New York and during the period of his term of office, devote his whole time during the ordinary business hours of each and every day, to the business for which he is appointed; and if the said commissioner does not so employ his time, it shall be a just cause for his removal, and the Governor of this state is in such a case hereby authorized and empowered to remove said commissioner from said office if in his opinion the said commissioner does not so employ his time, or if for any neglect of the duties for which said commissioner is appointed under the provisions of this act, the Governor shall have power and is hereby authorized to remove said commissioner from said office, and to appoint some other person in his place if he shall think it proper and right.”

Pending which,

Mr. Quackenboss moved a call of the house. Call ordered.

Pending which,

Mr. Strowbridge moved that the House take a recess until half-past 2 o'clock.

Pending which,

Mr. Cartter moved that the House adjourn. Lost.

The question was then taken on Mr. Strowbridge's motion, and the same agreed to.

Afternoon Session. $\frac{1}{4}$ past two o'clock.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to encourage emigration.

The question being on Mr. Axford's amendment,

The same did not prevail.

Mr. Axford offered a substitute for the bill, but the same was not adopted.

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved a call of the House.

Roll called. Messrs. Barnes, Bonham, Burrows, McCarty and Montgomery absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

Mr. Montgomery obtained leave of absence until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Cartter moved to amend as follows:

Strike out line 1 in section 2, and insert in lieu thereof, "it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint."

In line 1, section 3, between the words "the" and "death," the word "removal."

In the 2d line, strike out "elected," and insert "appointed."

In line 4, section 4, strike out the words "elected or."

Which amendment did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,

Mr. Kneeland,
Moore,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Smith,
Stowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Bonham,
Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,

Mr. McCarty,
Mead,
Movius,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,

Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,

Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Speaker,

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Mr. Sedgwick moved the previous question, which being seconded, the question was, Shall the main question be now put?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The main question being, Shall the bill be now passed?

It was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,

Mr. McCarty,
Morton,
Movius,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,

Mr. Kneeland,
Mead,
Moore,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Smith,
Stowbridge,
Welles,

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Mr. Cartter gave notice that he would move to reconsider the above vote.

Mr. Stockton moved that the above vote be now reconsidered.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Cartter gave notice that on Monday next he would move a reconsideration of the above vote.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

An act to provide for paying certain expenses incurred and autho-

rized by the Adjutant General in securing and repairing arms, ordnance and accoutrements belonging to the State.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

Also, a bill to provide for establishing the seat of justice for the county of Newaygo.

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Britain asked and obtained leave to make the following report:

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred a bill extending the time in which the county treasurer of St. Clair county may receive returns of taxes collected by the several town treasurers of the townships of Ira and Clay, for the year 1849, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlin,

The committee of the whole were discharged from the consideration of the above bill.

And the same was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Roberts offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to wait upon the Hon. the Senate, and inform that body that the House are now ready to receive them in joint convention, to act upon the nominations of the Executive for members of the board of education. Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Roberts and Stockton as such committee, who after a short absence returned, and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

The Hon. the Senate of the State of Michigan was then announced, and conducted to seats prepared for them.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The Joint Convention was called to order by the President of the Senate, who stated that the Convention had met for the purpose of receiving and acting upon any communication which the Executive might see proper to make.

Senator Copeland offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved. That a committee of two be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two Houses are now convened in Joint Convention, prepared to consider any nomination which he may be pleased to make to the Joint Convention.

The President appointed Senator Copeland and Mr. Clarke as such committee, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and had received for answer that the Executive would immediately communicate with the Joint Convention in writing.

The following communication was received from the Executive by the hands of H. S. Roberts, Esq., his Private Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 30, 1850. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Joint Convention:

I hereby nominate George N. Skinner of Washtenaw county, to be a member of the board of education for the legal term, in place of Randolph Manning, whose term has expired, and who declines a re-appointment.

I also nominate Isaac E. Crary of Calhoun county, to be a member of the board of education until the 29th day of March, 1852, that being the residue of the unexpired term of Samuel Newberry, resigned.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The nomination of George N. Skinner as a member of the board of education for the constitutional term, and the nomination of Isaac E. Crary as a member of said board for the residue of the unexpired term of Samuel Newberry, resigned, were advised and consented to by the following vote:

SENATORS.

YEAS.

Mr. Baxter,
Beach,
Bowne,
Brodhead,
Christiency,
Copeland,
Dickey,

Mr. Dort,
Finley,
Hart,
Harvie,
Isbell,
King,
McKinney,

Mr. Riley,
Roof,
Shoemaker,
Snow,
Summers,
Walbridge,
Webb,

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NAYS.

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REPRESENTATIVES.

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Barlow,
Barnes,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,
Moore,
Movius,
Norton,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Smith,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Hayden,
Morton,

Mr. N. Pierce,

Mr. Root,

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On motion of Senator Bredhead,

The joint convention adjourned *sine die*.

O. W. MOORE, *Sec'y Senate*.

JOHN SWEGLES, Jr.,

Clerk of House of Representatives, pro. tem.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. Morton asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to make the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations to whom was referred Senate bill to repeal the acts incorporating the village of Ann Arbor, report the bill back to the House with a substitute, the passage of which is recommended.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill and substitute referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole,
Mr. Sedgwick in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose and by their chairman reported that they had had several bills under consideration, to some of which they had made amendments.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

A bill to amend an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, was reported back without amendment; was read a third time, when Mr. Barlow moved to lay the bill on the table. Lost.

The bill was then passed.

A bill to repeal the act incorporating the village of Ann Arbor, was reported back with a substitute, which was adopted. Said substitute was then read a third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of the county of Chippewa was reported back without amendment.

The bill was then read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Chamberlin,
Dox,
Green,
Hall,
Hayden,
Irvine,
Kennedy,

Mr. Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Kester,
Mead,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barnes,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Ives,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Leach,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,

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Mr. Hayden gave notice that he would move to reconsider the above vote.

Preamble and joint resolution relative to a grant of the public lands to officers who served in the war with Mexico;

A bill to authorize John Bacon and John Senter to erect a warehouse and wharf on Eagle River;

A bill to repeal section 26 chapter 30 of the revised statutes of

1846, were reported back without amendment; read a third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Homer and Jonesville Plank Road Company, was reported back without amendment, read a third time, and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to amend chapter 23 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highway taxes;

A bill establishing the rates of tolls receivable by the Flint and Saginaw Navigation Company;

Were reported back without amendment, and were severally read a third time and passed, the last by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Hayden offered the following:

Resolved, that the Auditor General be requested to furnish this House at his earliest convenience a statement of the assessment, collection and return of the state taxes of Chippewa county and the counties attached thereto, from 1835 up to 1850.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Spencer offered the following:

Resolved, That when this House adjourn, it adjourn to Monday morning next, at 9 o'clock. Adopted.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled;

A bill to incorporate the village of St. Clair;

And the same was signed and presented to the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Monday, April 1, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

The journal was approved.

Mr. Stockton presented the following proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Macomb county:

At a meeting of the democratic electors of the township of Clinton in Macomb county, Michigan, for the purpose of nominating candi-

dates to be supported at the annual township meeting, held in Mt. Clemens, on the 23d day of March, 1850, the following resolutions were presented by Hon. R. P. Eldredge, and on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the principle of non-action by Congress, upon the subject of negro slavery in the territories of the United States meets the cordial approbation of this meeting.

Resolved, That our able and distinguished Senator, General Cass, in boldly and fearlessly advocating that patriotic principle, in being the first to take and maintain his stand in its defence, has won imperishable honors for himself, and deserves, as he will receive, the gratitude of a free and independent people.

Resolved, That this meeting does most sincerely regret the unwise and pernicious instructions of our late Legislature, upon the subject of slavery—unwise, because they were not needed—pernicious, because they have produced jealousies and fears among our brethren at the South, and have aroused and excited passions, that, in their angry course, threaten and endanger the Union of our free States.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, justice to the South, justice to the North, and devotion to the Union, demand their unconditional repeal.

Resolved, That the secretary of this meeting prepare and forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to one of our Representatives in the State Legislature.

C. G. CADY, *Clk'n.*

T. J. RUTTER, *Secretary.*

On motion of Mr. Stockton,

Ordered laid on the table and printed on the journal.

Mr. J. B. Pierce submitted the following proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Jackson county:

JACKSON, March 30, 1850.

At a meeting of the Democracy of the town of Jackson, held at the court house in the village of Jackson, on Friday the 29th inst., for the purpose of nominating suitable candidates to be supported at the ensuing township election, on motion, MARCUS WAKEMAN, Esq. was chosen chairman, and WALTER BUDINGTON, Esq., secretary.

The following resolutions were introduced and read by Ichabod

Cole, Esq., and on motion of Hon. William J. Moody, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we believe it to be the duty of the present Legislature to pass such resolutions as shall release our delegation in Congress from the impolitic instructions on the subject of slavery adopted by former Legislatures.

Resolved, That we have full confidence in the patriotism and ability of the democratic members of Congress from this state, and believe that the whole question of the difficulties which now agitate the Union, may well be left, so far as Michigan is concerned, in their hands, with liberty to act as circumstances and existing exigencies may require.

Resolved, That in Gen. Cass, Michigan has a Representative of whom she may well be proud. That we have viewed with high pride and satisfaction, his noble and patriotic course upon the exciting questions pending before Congress; and that he has the cordial approbation and affection, not only of the democracy of Michigan, but of the whole Union. That he has attained a fame which will be as lasting as the Union of which he is the constant and devoted defender.

Resolved, That the democracy of the town of Jackson stand upon the broad platform of the right of the people to self-government, no matter whether they be inhabitants of states or territories of the Federal Union.

Resolved, That the secretary of this meeting be requested to transmit an attested copy of these resolutions to Hon. M. Shoemaker, Senator, and Hon. J. B. Pierce, Representative in the State Legislature, and that they be requested to present them to the respective Houses of which they are members.

W. BUDINGTON, Sec'y.

N. B. The meeting at which the foregoing resolutions were adopted, was the most numerous township assemblage ever held in this town, there being present from 175 to 200 voters; and the resolutions were not only unanimously, but enthusiastically adopted.

W. B.

Ordered laid on the table and printed on the journal, on the motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Morton submitted the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, report a bill to incorporate the Central Michigan Telegraph Company, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill twice read, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Clarke submitted the following:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act to authorize the commissioners of the state land office to sell certain university lands, approved Feb. 9, 1849, respectfully report the bill back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read twice, ordered printed and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on education, to whom was referred a bill authorizing the sale of University lands in the county of Oakland, and a bill to reduce the price of University lands in the county of Oakland, in certain cases, respectfully report:

That it appears from inquiries at the office of the commissioner of the land office, that there is now remaining of the University lands in the county of Oakland unsold, about two sections only,—that of these, forty acres have been sold within the past year at the price now fixed by law, twelve dollars per acre,—that probably another parcel will be sold soon after this body shall adjourn, and at the same rate if the price should not be reduced.

Your committee are therefore of opinion that inasmuch as there is no necessity for the sale of these lands at the present time, that the quantity of lands there is not so great as to create any serious evil by remaining unsold for the present,—that an appraisement at this time, when there is so much land in market which can be bought by warrants issued by the state and general governments, would probably result in a serious loss to the fund. These considerations would lead to a conclusion adverse to the object of the bills referred to your

committee. They therefore recommend that they be not passed and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Mead, from a minority of the committee on judiciary, submitted a report in writing.

Ordered laid on the table and 500 copies ordered printed.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, reported back a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Genesee County Plank Road Company, without any recommendation thereon.

Said bill was referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Burrows submitted the following report:

Your committee on the state prison have had the matter under consideration and believe that the present system of management costs the state altogether too much; and if a more economical system can be adopted it should be entered into with as little delay as possible. Our state labors under heavy taxations, and every measure that can be taken to lessen the expenses of the government will bring relief to the people. According to the message of the Governor, the annual expense of our present system has been about \$10,000 over and above the proceeds of the prisoners. Therefore, being fully aware that this expense may be reduced by a different policy, and believing that the bill now before the House will, if carried into effect, bring about the desired relief and at the same time will be equally advantageous to the prisoners, we would recommend its passage.

D. BURROWS, Ch'n.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Clarke,

Section 23 of a bill to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo, was amended, so as to read as follows:

Sec. 23. The lands within the limits of the corporation shall be set apart from the other districts of the township of Kalamazoo, and placed under the exclusive jurisdiction of the president and trustees,

who shall divide or annex the districts within said corporation from or to each other as they shall deem best, and who shall have and use the same rights, powers and duties as the district boards of school inspectors in the various school districts of the State, and may appoint such subordinate officers as shall be necessary to exercise such rights, powers and duties.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, March 30, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for paying certain expenses incurred and authorized by the Adjutant General in securing and repairing arms, ordnance and accoutrements, belonging to the State;

An act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company;

An act to provide for the collection of taxes assessed on personal property in certain cases; and

An act to provide for establishing the seat of justice for the county of Newaygo.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
April 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Herewith is transmitted a concurrent resolution relative to a suspension of rule 10 of the joint rules of the two houses, which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

Said resolution was concurred in.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled;

A bill to attach the county of Huron to Sanilac for legislative and other purposes;

A bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the State Land Office to the seat of government, and to revive certain laws relative to the same;

A bill to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839;

A bill to change the name of Ervin Eugene Bidler;

A bill to supply certain records in the probate office of the county of Livingston which were destroyed by fire;

Joint Resolution authorizing the Board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of A. Kaminsky;

A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company in the county of Washtenaw;

A bill to vacate the village of Centreville in the township of Royal Oak in the county of Oakland;

A bill for the improvement of the Eaton, Barry and Allegan State road;

A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids Manufacturing Company;

A bill to incorporate the Clinton Institute;

A bill to repeal act No. 105 of the session of 1849 and to establish the dividing line between the townships of China and St. Clair in the county of St. Clair;

A bill to vacate a portion of a certain street in the village of Owosso in the county of Shiawassee;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Hillsdale, approved March 16, 1847;

A bill to legalize a certain highway in the county of Oakland;

A bill to incorporate the Union Hall Association of the city of Monroe;

A bill to amend chapter 35 of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to vacate the village of Royalton in Berrien county;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Adrian, approved April 6, 1841;

A bill to amend chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

The following was also received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 30, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—I am instructed to transmit herewith,

1. A bill to establish a police court in the city of Detroit;
 2. A bill for the relief of Thomas N. Bartlett;
 3. A bill relative to certain actions of ejectment;
 4. A bill for the relief of Wedworth W. Clark, survivor of the late firm of P. & J. J. Godfroy & Co.;
 5. A bill to establish school district No. 11, in the townships of Groveland and Holly in the county of Oakland;
 6. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849;
 7. A bill to authorize William F. Mosely to dispose of certain real estate;
 8. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter one hundred and six of title twenty-two of the revised statutes;
 9. A bill to amend chapters 39 and 171 of the revised statutes of 1846;
 10. A bill to authorize the appointment of an injunction master in chancery in and for the counties of Genesee, Shiawassee and Saginaw;
 11. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Howell and Detroit Plank Road Company;
 12. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Saginaw & Corunna Plank Road Company;
 13. A bill to incorporate the Homer and Union City Plank Road Company;
- Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, the 11th, 12th and 13th named bills by a two-thirds vote, and to respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.
- I am also instructed to return herewith,
14. A bill to vacate the village of Centerville in the township of Royal Oak in the county of Oakland;

15. A bill to vacate a portion of a certain street in the village of Owosso in the county of Shiawassee;

16. A bill to legalize a certain highway in the county of Oakland;

17. A bill to repeal act No. 105 of the session of 1849, and to establish the dividing line between the townships of China and St. Clair in the county of St. Clair.

18. A bill to vacate the village plat of Royalton in Berrien county;

19. A bill to supply certain records in the probate office of the county of Livingston which have been destroyed by fire;

20. A bill for the improvement of the Eaton, Barry and Allegan state road;

21. A bill to provide for the improvement of a certain state road leading from Lansing in the county of Ingham, passing through the villages of Charlotte and Bellevue in the county of Eaton to the village of Battle Creek in the county of Calhoun;

22. A bill to amend chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846;

23. A bill to amend chapter 35 of the revised statutes of 1846;

24. A bill to locate the county seat of the county of Kent;

25. A bill to amend the revised statutes relative to the support of primary schools and the custody of township libraries;

26. A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Berrien;

27. A bill to amend act No. 158, session laws of 1849, entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road leading from Paw Paw to Breedsville in Van Buren county;

28. A bill to vacate a portion of the village of Grand River City in the county of Eaton;

29. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847;

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to return herewith,

30. A bill to provide for the publication of certain laws;

31. A bill to provide for altering the state road in the township of Moscow, in the county of Hillsdale;

32. A bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the state land office to the seat of government, and to revive certain laws relative to the same;

33. A bill to authorize James Seymour and Ogden Clark to keep up a dam across Flint river;

34. Joint resolution authorizing the board of state auditors to examine and settle the claim of A Kaminsky;

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, the 31st and 33d named with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is asked.

I am also instructed to return herewith,

35. A bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids Manufacturing Company;

36. A bill to incorporate the Clinton Institute;

37. A bill to incorporate the Union Hall Association of the city of Monroe;

38. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Hilldale, approved March 16, 1847;

39. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the village of Adrian, approved April 6, 1841;

40. A bill to incorporate the Lawrence Literary Institute Association;

41. A bill to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Society;

42. A bill to incorporate the the St. Mary's Academy at Bertrand, Berrien county, Michigan;

In which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have concurred, the 40th, 41st and 42d named with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The 1st named bill was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The 2d and 4th were read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

The 3d, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th were severally read twice and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The 5th was read twice and referred to the committee on education.

The 11th, 12th and 13th named were read twice and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d were severally ordered enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th were severally concurred in and the bills as amended ordered enrolled.

The 30th, 31st, 32d and 34th were severally ordered enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the 33d were concurred in and the same as amended ordered enrolled.

Mr. Morton moved to lay the 25th named on the table. Lost.

The question was then taken on concurring in the first Senate amendment thereto, and the same was concurred in.

The question then being on concurring in the second Senate amendment.

Pending which, Mr. N. Pierce offered the following amendment to the amendment:

That there shall be a poll tax of fifty cents assessed upon every male citizen who is entitled to vote at the elections in this State, by entering the name of every such person upon the respective tax rolls, which tax shall be assessed, levied and collected annually in the same manner and at the same time that other taxes are assessed, levied and collected in the respective cities, villages and towns in this State, and when collected shall be applied for the support of primary schools in the same manner and under the same direction as other moneys are applied for the support of primary schools.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Barlow,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hussey,
Ives,
Jones,
McCarty,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,

Mr. Kellogg,
Kennedy,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Green,
Hall,

Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Martin,
Mead,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,

Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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The question was then taken on concurring in the second Senate amendment to said bill, and the same was non-concurred in, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Green,
Hussey,
Kellogg,

Mr. Kennedy,
Leach,
Mead,
Moore,
Movius,
Otis,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Stowbridge,
Winchell.

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,

Mr. Hooker,
Hudson,
Ives,
Jones,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Morton,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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The 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, and 39th were severally ordered enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the 40th, 41st and 42d were severally concurred in, and the same as amended were ordered enrolled.

The Speaker also announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 30, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to inform you that Senators Dort, Walbridge and Bowne have been appointed a committee of conference on the part of the Senate upon the disagreement between the two houses

upon a bill to amend an act entitled an act in aid of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, approved March 31, 1849.

Also to return herewith a bill for altering a certain road in the county of Jackson, and to inform you that the Senate have non-concurred in the House amendment thereto.

Also, to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to

A bill to amend an act to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Peninsula Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 12, 1844, under the name and style of the Detroit Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 31, 1849; and

A bill relative to conveyances in the city of Detroit;

The first by a two-thirds vote, and have ordered the same as amended to be enrolled.

I am also instructed to inform you that the Senate have, by a two-thirds vote, concurred in the House substitute for a bill to repeal the acts incorporating the village of Ann Arbor, and have ordered the same enrolled.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

A committee of three was ordered to be appointed to confer with the like committee on the part of the Senate on the disagreement of the two Houses on the first named bill.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Hayden, Stockton and Root as such committee.

Mr. Gidley moved that the second named be laid on the table.

Lost.

Mr. J. B. Pierce moved that the House recede from their amendment thereto. Agreed to by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Clarke,

Mr. Hall,
Ives,
Ke'logg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Mead,

Mr. Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Stockton,
Wells,
Speaker

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlain,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hooker,
Hussey,

Mr. Jones,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Noyes,
Otis,
Renwick,

Mr. Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

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The following was also announced:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 30, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to transmit herewith,

1. A bill to amend chapter 91, revised statutes, 1846;
2. A bill in relation to suits in chancery;
3. A bill to amend section one, chapter 95, title 21 of the revised statutes of 1846;
4. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Ann Arbor;

Which the Senate have passed, the 4th named by a two-thirds vote, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return the following bills:

5. A bill to locate the county seat of the county of Sanilac, and for other purposes;
6. A bill to vacate a part of the plat of the village of Dundee in the county of Monroe;
7. A bill to repeal certain acts and a part of an act approved March 31, 1849;
8. A bill to authorize Jane Kellogg and Edwin Kellogg to convey certain real estate;
9. A bill to authorize Thomas Curtis, Thomas Seeley and their associates to construct a race for mill purposes;
10. A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road;
11. A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Oakland and Genesee;
12. A bill to organize a school district for colored children in the village of Niles;

13. A bill to incorporate the village of Battle Creek;
14. A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Railroad Company;
15. Joint resolution relative to a certain sum of money stolen from the post office, belonging to the state.

All of which the Senate have passed, the 13th and 14th named by a two-thirds vote, and the 5th and 6th named with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The 1st, 2d and 3d named were twice read and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The 4th named was twice read and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The Senate amendments to the 5th were concurred in, and the same as amended ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The 6th was,

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

Laid on the table.

The Senate amendments to the 7th named were concurred in by a two-thirds vote, and the same ordered enrolled.

The 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th were severally ordered enrolled.

And the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 30, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith the following entitled bills, viz:

1. A bill to authorize the First Presbyterian Church of Niles to make a certain bond and mortgage;
2. A bill to amend an act to provide for the collection of a special tax for the improvement of the Territorial or Vistula road in the counties of Lenawee and Hillsdale, approved March 17, 1847;
3. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent, approved March 27th, 1848;

4. A bill to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Tompkins, in the county of Jackson, to alter a certain state road;
5. A bill to vacate certain streets in the town of Lansing;
6. A bill to vacate the south half of block No. 6 in the village of Lawrence, in the county of Van Buren;
7. A bill for the relief of fractional school district No. 8, in the township of Quincy, in the county of Branch, and Allen, in the county of Hillsdale;
8. A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township of Plainfield, in the county of Kent, to alter a state road;
9. A bill to enlarge the powers of the Trustees of the Adrian Church Association;
10. A bill to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trenton and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company; and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, the first named by a two-thirds vote, and the last two named with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th were severally ordered enrolled.

The Senate amendments to the 9th and 10th named bills were concurred in, each by a two-thirds vote, and the same as amended ordered enrolled.

Mr. Dennis moved to take from the table a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847.

Agreed to.

When Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment to the first Senate amendment thereto, which prevailed:

"Provided, That nothing contained herein or in the acts to which this act is amendatory, shall be deemed or construed to make any such county liable to the State for the amount of any tax on any such lands until the same shall have been paid to the treasurer of such county."

And the Senate amendments thus amended were then concurred in.

Mr. Root moved to take from the table the joint resolution of Mr. Movius, relative to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, and refer the same to the judiciary committee.

Pending which,

Mr. Movius moved its reference to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Lost.

The question was then taken on Mr. Root's motion and the same agreed to.

Mr. Burrows moved to take from the table a bill to change the system, management and regulation of the state prison.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stockton moved to take from the table House bill No. 168, relative to licenses. Lost.

Mr. Quackenboss moved to take from the table a bill to vacate a part of the village of Dundee in the county of Monroe.

Agreed to.

The Senate substitute to said bill was then concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Quackenboss,

And the same ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Morton moved to take from the table Senate bill No. 96, to amend an act relating to the deaf, dumb, blind and insane asylums.

Agreed to.

Mr. Noyes moved the indefinite postponement of said bill. Lost.

Mr. Morton offered the following amendment thereto:

Sec. 1, line 2, strike out "twenty-five" and insert "ten," also strike out "twenty-five," sec. 2, line 2, and insert "ten."

Adopted.

Mr. Cartter moved to strike out sec. 3. Lost.

Mr. Merton offered the following amendment:

Strike out "ten," in line 1, section 4, and insert "five."

Agreed to.

Also, strike out "ten," in line 2, section 5, and insert "five."

Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The bill was ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Martin,
McCarty,
Mead,

Mr. Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenbosc,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Wells,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Carter,
Noyes,

Mr. Price,
Sacket,

Mr. Stockton,
Winchell,

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Mr. Hayden moved to reconsider the vote of Saturday on the bill for the relief of the county of Chippewa.

Agreed to.

The bill was then,

On Mr. Hayden's motion,

Recommitted to a select committee of three, with instructions.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Hayden, Roberts and Quackenbosc said committee.

Mr. Noyes moved to take House bill No. 133 from the table.

Lost.

Mr. Hall moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the emigrant agency bill was passed on Saturday last.

Agreed to.

The question then recurring on the final passage of the bill,

The same was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Carpenter,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Mead,
Morton,
Movius,

Chamberlain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hall,

Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Leach,
Lester
Martin,
McCarty,

Quackenboss,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Willson.
Winchell,
Speaker, 36

NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dox,
Hudson,

Mr. Ives,
Kneeland,
Moore,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Stowbridge,
Welles, 20

Mr. Clarke moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy at Bertrand, Berrien county, Michigan.

Agreed to.

Mr. Britain then moved that the House concur in the first and third amendments of the Senate. Agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Also that the House non-concur in all of second amendment except the last proviso. Agreed to by a two-thirds vote; and also to add last proviso in Senate's second amendment to the proviso in House bill, which is as follows:

"Provided, further, That no deed or devise of lands made to said corporation by any person or persons during their last illness, shall be valid." Agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Axford moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused to take from the table

A bill to regulate licenses, and for other purposes. Agreed to.

And the question recurring on taking from the table, the same was agreed to.

Mr. Mead moved that said bill and the bill to change the system, management and regulation of the state prison be made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. Clarke moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject. Pending which, on motion of Mr. Quackenboss,
The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

½ past two o'clock.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Roll called. A quorum present.

Mr. Stockton moved that Messrs. Norton and Smith have leave of absence for the remainder of the session. Granted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The committee on claims, to whom was referred Senate bill for the relief of Thomas N. Bartlett have had the same under consideration, and directed their chairman to report the same back with an amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration. Also,

A bill for the relief of Theodore W. Clarke, without amendment.

J. B. PIERCE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bills were referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the following bills:

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Howell and Detroit Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Homer and Union City Plank Road Company;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Saginaw and Corunna Plank Road Company; and,

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Ann Arbor;

Report them back to the House, recommend their passage and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hayden, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a certain bill incorporating a Mining Company, reported the same back amended as instructed.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee on judiciary, to whom was refer-

red a bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts;

A bill in relation to suits in chancery;

A bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to amend chapters 39 and 171 of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to authorize Wm. F. Mosely to dispose of certain real estate;

A bill to authorize the appointment of an injunction master in chancery in and for the counties of Genesee, Shiawassee and Saginaw;

A bill to amend section 1, chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846; and

A bill relative to certain actions in ejectment; having had the same under consideration, asked leave to report the same back to the House, recommended the passage of the same and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Battle Creek, having had the same under consideration, asked leave to report the same back to the House, recommended its passage and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee on judiciary to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter 106 of the revised statutes of 1846, having had the same under consideration, proposed a substitute for section one, asked the concurrence of the House therein, recommended its passage and asked to be discharged.

The reports were accepted, the committee discharged, said bills referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Tompkins in the county of Jackson to alter a certain state road; and

A bill for the relief of fractional school district No. 8 in the township of Quincy in the county of Branch, and Allen in the county of Hillsdale.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to organize a school district for colored children in the village of Niles; and

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road in the counties of Oakland and Genesee.

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hayden, from the select committee, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of the county of Chippewa, reported that the committee had amended said bill as instructed.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a third time and passed.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, April 1, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to vacate a portion of a certain street in the village of Owasso, in the county of Shiawassee;

An act to repeal act No. 104 of the session of A. D. 1849, and to establish the dividing line between the townships of China and St. Clair, in the county of St. Clair;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Hillsdale, approved March 16, 1847;

An act to incorporate the Grand Rapids Manufacturing Company;

An act to legalize certain highways in the townships of Groveland and Holly, in the county of Oakland;

An act to amend chapter 35 of the revised statutes of 1846;

An act to incorporate the Clinton Institute;

An act to incorporate the Union Hall Association of the city of Monroe;

An act to vacate the village plat of Royalton, in Berrien county;

An act to amend an act to provide for the removal of the State

land office to the seat of government, and to revive certain laws relative to the same;

An act to supply certain records in the probate office of the county of Livingston, which have been destroyed by fire;

An act to attach the county of Huron to Sanilac for legislative and other purposes;

An act for the improvement of the Eaton, Barry and Allegan state road;

An act to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839;

An act to incorporate the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company in the county of Washtenaw;

An act to change the name of Ervin Eugene Bidler;

An act to vacate the village plat of Centreville, in the township of Royal Oak, in the county of Oakland;

An act to amend chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the village of Adrian, approved April 6, 1841; and

Joint resolution authorizing the board of State Auditors to examine and settle the claim of A. Kaminsky.

JNO. S. BARRY.

And the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
April 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit herewith,

A bill to require the payment of money, warrants &c. in the hands of the late treasurer of the township of Mayfield, to the treasurer of the county of Lapeer, and for other purposes, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

Said bill was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, April 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—I am instructed herewith to transmit,

A bill to incorporate the Cape Mining Company, which the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to return herewith the following bills, with a substitute for each, which substitutes the Senate have passed, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked:

A bill to incorporate the Peninsular Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

The 1st named bill was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

The remainder being under consideration,

Mr. Roberts moved to amend the substitutes as follows:

“Sec. 4. The said company shall pay the Treasurer of the state of Michigan an annual tax of one-half per centum on the whole amount of capital actually paid in upon the capital stock of said company, and also upon all money borrowed by said company, which tax shall be paid on the first Monday of July in each year, and shall be estimated upon the last preceding report of said company: and said

company shall in like manner, pay the treasurer of the county in which the lands occupied by them for mineral purposes are located, an annual tax of one-half per centum, to be appropriated by the board of supervisors of said county, to county, township, school and highway purposes: and for such purposes, the President and Secretary of said company shall, on the first Monday of January, or within fifteen days previous thereto, make under their hands a return to the State Treasurer, and to such county treasurers, verified by their several oaths or affirmations, stating the amount which has actually been paid in on the capital stock of said company, and also the whole amount of money which at any time has been borrowed by said company: and any investment of any portion of the nett profits of said company shall be considered as so much capital paid in, and returned to the state and county treasurers accordingly: and said tax shall be in lieu of all other taxes upon the personal property and real estate of said company."

Which was adopted.

The substitutes as amended were then concurred in.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Stockton, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act to incorporate the North American Health Insurance Company, which was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Noyes,

House bill No. 183 was taken from the table.

When Mr. Noyes presented the memorial of certain citizens of Detroit relative to the establishment of a building society in said city.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

House bill No. 150 was taken from the table, being a bill to reduce the price of University lands in certain cases.

Mr. Hayden moved to indefinitely postpone.

Which motion did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Moore,
N. Pierce,

Cartter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Mead,

Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kenyon,
Lester,
Morton,
Norton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading, read a third time and passed, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Bonham,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,
Hall,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kenyon,
Lester,
Morton,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,

Mr. Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Cartter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Kneeland,
Leach,
Mead,
Moore,

Mr. Movius,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

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Mr. Mead, pursuant to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize the several township treasurers in Hillsdale county to take stock in plank roads.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

The bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The words "on the day following," in the 28th rule, were suspended during the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Otis,

A bill for the relief of George Allen was taken from the table, and,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Britain, from the committee on ways and means, asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to report a bill making appropriations for the salaries of the State officers for the year 1850.

Said bill was read twice, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Britain also, on like consent, introduced

A bill relative to the New Buffalo and Laporte Plank Road Company; and

A bill to authorize the transfer of certain records from the county of Berrien to the county of Cass.

The bills were read twice and referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Moore offered the following:

Whereas, Justice, equity and sound policy, as well as the sovereign will of the people demand of the Legislature of Michigan the adoption of a rigid system of economy in all public expenditures;

And whereas, The frugality long practiced in some of the elder states clearly proves that with less money the people may be quite as ably served by their executive and judicial officers, and with more energy and dispatch of business in their legislative halls—and thus by necessity compel an example in our leading men worthy of imitation—and thereby prevent the frauds, bankruptcy and ruin consequent upon an excited spirit of pride and wicked emulation;

And whereas, In as much as an inordinate love of wealth is the controlling passion of the age—thereby rendering man, when acting in a corporate or public capacity, incapable of exercising the virtue of self-denial, nor satisfied with less than the most extravagant precedent will justify; therefore

Resolved, As the sense of this House, that it will be the duty of the revising convention to reduce for our legislators, our executive

and judicial officers, their compensation for public services as justice requires, and that of all other officers in an equitable manner.

Mr. Sedgwick moved that the same be indefinitely postponed.
Lost.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Pierce,

The preamble and resolution were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,
Mr. Clarke in the chair.

After spending some time thereon, arose and by their chairman reported the following bills:

1. A bill to establish a police court in the city of Detroit;
 2. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Genesee County Plank Road Company;
 3. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849;
 4. A bill to incorporate the Cape Mining Company;
 5. A bill to authorize the appointment of an injunction master in chancery, in and for the counties of Genesee, Shiawassee and Saginaw;
 6. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter 106 of title 22 of the revised statutes;
 7. A bill to reduce the price of University lands in the county of Oakland in certain cases; each with amendments.
- Also, without amendment:
8. A bill relative to the New Buffalo and Laporte Plank Road Company;
 9. A bill making appropriations for the salaries of state officers for the year 1850;
 10. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the North American Health Insurance Company;
 11. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain records from the county of Berrien to the county of Cass;
 12. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Ann Arbor;
 13. A bill in relation to suits in chancery;

14. A bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes of 1846;
15. A bill to amend chapters 29 and 171 of the revised statutes of 1846;
16. A bill to authorize Wm. F. Mosely to dispose of certain real estate;
17. A bill to amend section 1, chapter 98, title 21, revised statutes of 1846;
18. A bill relative to certain actions in ejectment;
19. A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Battle Creek;
20. A bill to incorporate the Michigan Central Telegraph Company;
21. A bill to require the payment of money, warrants &c. in the hands of the late treasurer of the township of Mayfield, to the treasurer of the county of Lapeer, and for other purposes;
22. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the commissioner of the state land office to sell certain university lands, approved February 9th, 1849;
23. A bill for the relief of Wedworth W. Clark, survivor of the late firm of P. & J. J. Godfroy & Co;
24. A bill to incorporate the Homer and Union City Plank Road Company;
25. A bill for the relief of Thomas W. Bartlett;
26. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Saginaw and Cornua Plank Road Company; and
27. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Howell and Detroit Plank Road Company; in all which they asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The amendments to the first named were severally concurred in and the same ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed by the House.

Mr. Irvine, by unanimous consent introduced a bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1850, which was read twice, ordered laid on the table and printed.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

The House adjourned.

Evening Session.

7 o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called. A quorum present.

MESSAGES.

The following message was announced from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
April 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to return herewith the following bills, and to inform you that the Senate have non-concurred in the substitutes for the 4th sections of the substitutes for said bills:

A bill to incorporate the Peninsular Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company.

Very respectfully, yours &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The House insisted on their amendments to said bills.

On motion of Mr. Roberts,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed, to confer with a committee on the part of the Senate on the disagreement of the two Houses on said bills.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Roberts, Dennis and Root said committee.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
April 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—I am instructed to transmit herewith,

1. A bill to authorize William Welles, administrator, and Catharine Cusick, administratrix, on the estate of Clark S. Cusick, deceased, to convey certain real estate;

2. A bill to authorize Phillip Winegar, guardian of certain minors, to convey real estate;

3. A bill to amend an act entitled an act for the relief of certain settlers on the university lands in the county of Oakland, approved March 29th, 1843, and the acts amendatory thereto, approved March 11th, 1844;

4. Joint resolutions authorizing the Governor to procure a statement of the accounts between the United States and the State of Michigan;

And to inform you that the Senate have passed the same, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return herewith,

5. A bill to authorize Alonzo Bennett, guardian of certain minor heirs, to convey real estate;

6. A bill to authorize George H. Murdock to convey real estate;

7. A bill to enable Milton H. Butler to convey certain real estate;

8. A bill to authorize Nathan Curtis Galpin to convey certain real estate;

9. A bill to authorize Adeline, Sarah Ann, James, George and Silas Whitaker, of the county of Oakland, to convey certain real estate;

10. A bill to authorize Prudence Kent and Frances S. Warner, of Shiawassee county, to convey certain real estate;

11. A bill to amend chapter 23 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highway taxes;

12. A bill to vacate the village plat of New Milwaukie city, in the township of Birchville, in the county of St. Clair;

13. A bill to alter the township line between Springwells and Greenfield, in the county of Wayne;

14. A bill to authorize Harriet J. Sargent, Caroline Beckwith and Olive E. Carter to convey certain real estate;

15. A bill to authorize James Shepherd, guardian of Esther Ann Shepherd, to convey certain real estate;

16. A bill to amend an act to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841;

17. A bill to authorize Delia C. Cole, Charles Henry Cole and Mariett Lovina Cole to convey certain real estate;

18. A bill to provide for the collection and payment of taxes assessed upon sold and part paid for university and primary school lands;

19. A bill to authorize Reuben Perryne and David Perryne to build a dam across Grand river in the county of Eaton;

20. Joint resolution in relation to State Convention;

21. A bill to incorporate the Niles Union Hall Association;

22. A bill establishing the rates of tolls receivable by the Flint and Saginaw Navigation Company;

23. A bill to incorporate the Northern Michigan Telegraph Company;

24. A bill to incorporate the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company;

25. A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Lenox Plank Road Company;

26. A bill to authorize the township of Baltimore, in the county of Barry, to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company;

Which I am also instructed to inform you the Senate have passed, the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th with amendments, the 21st by a two-thirds vote, and the 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th by a two-thirds vote, with amendments, in all of which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

The first named was ordered enrolled.

The 2d named was twice read and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The 3d was twice read and referred to the committee on public lands.

The 4th was twice read and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th named were severally ordered enrolled.

The several amendments to the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th were severally concurred in, the five last named by a two-thirds vote, and the bills were severally ordered enrolled:

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Sensing, April 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to transmit herewith,

A bill to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company of Michigan,

And to inform you that the Senate have non-concurred in the House amendments thereto.

Also to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the following bills:

A bill authorizing the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to build a bridge across the river Ecorse;

A bill to form a board of supervisors for the county of Chippewa;

And have ordered the same as amended to be enrolled.

Very respectfully,

G. W. MOORE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The House insisted upon their amendment to the first named and referred it to the committee of conference heretofore appointed on the disagreement of the two Houses on other bills incorporating mining companies, viz: Messrs. Roberts, Dennis and Root.

The 2d and 3d were ordered enrolled.

And the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, April 1st, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith the following bills, and to inform you the Senate have non-concurred therein, viz:

1. A bill to amend an act for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts;
2. A bill to amend chapter 24 of the revised statutes of 1846, and for other purposes;
3. A bill relative to certain non-resident highway taxes in the township of Delhi in the county of Ingham;
4. A bill to revive and amend an act relative to the construction of a certain state road, approved March 1, 1845;
5. A bill to repeal certain provisions of law relative to appeals from the board of supervisors;
6. A bill to amend chapter 65 of the revised statutes of 1846;
7. A bill to amend chapter 159 of the revised statutes;
8. Joint resolution relating to the selection of the balance of the five hundred thousand acres of land granted by Congress to this State for purposes of internal improvement;
9. Concurrent resolution relative to an adjournment of the Legislature.

I am also instructed to transmit the following entitled bills:

10. A bill authorizing the State Treasurer to subscribe for certain telegraph stocks;
 11. A bill to authorize the levying of taxes for the support of common schools; which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.
- Also,
12. A bill to provide for the appraisal of certain lands in Berrien county;
 13. A bill to provide for the sale of a site to school district No. 5, in Tecumseh, for a school house;
 14. Joint resolution relative to a donation of land for agricultural schools; which the Senate have passed, the 14th named with an

amendment, being a substitute, and in which amendment the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

The 10th named was twice read and referred to the committee on state affairs.

The 11th was twice read and referred to the committee on education.

The 12th and 13th were ordered enrolled.

The substitute for the 14th was concurred in and the same ordered enrolled.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to authorize Thomas Curtis, Thomas Seely and their associates to construct a race for mill purposes;

A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township of Plainfield in the county of Kent to alter a certain state road;

A bill to provide for the improvement of a certain State road leading from Lansing to Battle Creek;

A bill to amend an act to provide for the collection of a special tax for the improvement of a road in the counties of Lenawee and Hillsdale, approved March 17th, 1847;

A bill to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trenton and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company.

The same were signed and presented to the Governor.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion, House bill 138 was taken from the table, and the same being under consideration, was,

On motion of Mr. Green,

Indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Britain, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was referred a bill to regulate and fix the prices to be paid for state printing, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same back to the House with-

out amendment, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The same committee, to whom was referred a bill to provide for taxing foreign corporations, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged: the first named bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order; the second named, on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
April 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I am instructed to return herewith,

A bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy, at Bertrand, Berrien county, Michigan, and to inform you that the Senate have receded from their disagreement thereon.

Also to return,

A bill to amend the revised statutes relative to the support of primary schools and the custody of township libraries, and to inform you that the Senate have receded from their second amendment thereto.

Also to return,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847, and to inform you that the Senate non-concur in the House amendments thereto.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

The first and second named bills were ordered enrolled, and the House insisted upon their amendment to the third.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Britain introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to convey sites for school houses, from school and university lands; read twice and referred to the committee on education.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Under the order of third reading of bills, the House took up and passed the following entitled bills:

A bill to incorporate the Swampscot Mining Company, by a two-thirds vote;

A bill to incorporate the Forest Mining Company, by a two-thirds vote;

A bill to incorporate the Piscataqua Mining Company, by a two-thirds vote; and

A bill to provide for the better management of the State Library.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to modify and amend certain acts of incorporation heretofore granted to mining companies, when

Mr. Roberts moved a suspension of the rules, and that said bill be now put upon its third reading.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Britain;

It was referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

A committee of conference was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House, to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the disagreement between the two Houses on the bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low lands, approved March 17th, 1847.

Messrs. Dennis, J. B. Pierce and Clarke were appointed said committee.

Mr. Kenyon, by unanimous consent, submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred a bill authorizing the State Treasurer to subscribe for certain telegraph stock, respectfully report that that they have had the same under consideration, and have requested their chairman to return the same to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

J. KENYON, Jr., *Ch'n.*

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Green moved the indefinite postponement of said bill.

Lost, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Burrows,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Mr. Green,
Hooker,
Hussey,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Leach,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenbosc,
Renwick,
Sackett,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,
Welles,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Hall,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Jones,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,
Moore,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Roberts,
Sedgwick,
Stockton,
Willson,
Speaker,

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Said bill was then referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

The House took up the joint resolution relative to the purchase of books, and the same being under consideration, Mr. Clark moved to strike out "one hundred," and insert "ten" therein.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Root,

Said resolution was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, a bill to regulate licenses and for other purposes was taken from the table, and the same being under consideration, Mr. Dennis offered the following amendment to stand after the enacting clause:

That any person who shall sell or give away any spirituous liquor, wine or fermented liquor contrary to law, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Pending which, Mr. Axford moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and amendment.

Lost, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Burrows,
Chamberlin,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Ives,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Movius,

Mr. Noyes,
Ous,
Price,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Speaker, 18

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Carter,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Leach,
Mead,
Moore,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Winchell, 30

The question then being on the amendment of Mr. Dennis, Mr. Britain offered the following as a substitute therefor:

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That section 2 of revised statutes of 1846, be so amended as to read as follows, to wit: if any person shall sell to be used about his house or other building, or if any person keeping a shop for the sale of property, shall sell or give away to be used in or about his shop any spirituous or malt liquor, or mixed liquor, part of which is spirituous, without being duly licensed as a tavern-keeper or common victualler, he shall forfeit for each offence twenty-five dollars.

When,

On motion of Mr. Green,

The bill and amendments were ordered laid on the table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House took up a bill for altering a certain road in the county of Jackson,

And the question being on its final passage, the same was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Moore,
Movius,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Stockton,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Colvin,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Morton,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,
Winchell,

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A bill relative to the New Buffalo and Laporte Plank Road Company, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill making appropriations for the salaries of the State officers for the year 1850, being under consideration,

Mr. Clarke offered the following amendment to section 3:

Strike out "eight days thereafter," and insert "until the close of the session of the Convention to revise the constitution."

Lost.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

The sum of \$120 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the general fund, and out of said appropriation the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and required to pay to Brig. General B. M. Boulton, and to Brig. General H. Cowden, such amounts as shall be due to them respectively, for expenses and services while engaged in the service of the State, under the order of the adjutant general of the State; said amounts to be paid on the certificate of the Governor.

Mr. Leach offered the following amendment thereto:

Add to the amendment, "and one hundred dollars to the officers and soldiers of the Toledo war."

Mr. Clark moved the previous question, which was ordered, and

the question being taken, shall the main question be now put? the same was agreed to. The question was then taken on the amendment of Mr. Leach to the amendment of Mr. Britain, and the same was lost.

The question was then taken on Mr. Britain's amendment, and the same was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Britain,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Morton,
Burrows,	Ives,	Otis,
Clarke,	Jones,	J. B. Pierce,
Dennis,	Kenyon,	Roberts,
Dox,	King,	Stockton,
Gidley,	Kneeland,	Willson,
Green,	Martin,	Winchell,
Hayden,	Moore,	Speaker, 24

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,	Leach,	Mr. Quackenboss,
Cartter,	Lester,	Renwick,
Chamberlin,	Mead,	Root,
Colvin,	Movius,	Sedgwick,
Duncan,	Noyes,	Sloan,
Fowle,	N. Pierce,	Spencer,
Hooker,	Price,	Stowbridge, 22
Kellogg,		

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Noyes moved that the House adjourn. Lost.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the North American Health Insurance Company, was read a third time and passed.

A bill to amend section 1, chapter 95, title 21 of the revised statutes of 1846, being under consideration, Mr. Clark moved to strike out all after the enacting clause. Lost.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hudson,	Mr. Movius,
Barlow,	Hussey,	Otis,
Bonham,	Irvine,	Price,
Britain,	Ives,	Quackenboss,
Cartter,	Kellogg,	Renwick,
Chamberlin,	Kennedy,	Sedgwick,
Colvin,	Kenyon,	Sloan,

Dennis,
Dox,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Hayden,
Hooker,

Kneeland,
Leach,
Lester,
Mead,
Moore,
Morton,

Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Clarke,
Gidley,

Mr. Green,
Jones,
King,
Noyes,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,
Root,
Spencer,

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Mr. Sloan moved that the House adjourn. Lost.

A bill to authorize the transfer of certain records from the county of Berrien to the county of Cass, was read a third time and passed; also,

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Ann Arbor, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Barlow,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Green,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Lester,
Morton,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenbosa,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Stockton,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dox,

Mr. Hooker,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,

Mr. Moore,
Noyes,
Otis,
Price,
Spencer,

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A bill in relation to suits in chancery;

A bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes of 1846;

A bill to amend chapters 39 and 171 of the revised statutes of 1846; and

A bill to authorize William F. Mosely to dispose of certain real estate, were severally read a third time and passed.

A bill relative to certain actions of ejectment being under consideration, Mr. Hudson moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Cartter,

The bill was ordered laid on the table.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, April 1, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR.—I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have appointed Senators Brodhead, Harvie and Walbridge, a committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreement between the two Houses on the several mining bills, and have also referred the like disagreement on a bill to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company to the same committee.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Burrows,

The House adjourned.

Lansing, Tuesday, April 2, 1850.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

The journal was approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on federal relations, submitted the following report:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred a joint resolution in relation to slavery in the district of Columbia, have had the same under consideration, and a majority have instructed me to report the same back to the House and advise that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

H. CARTTER, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said resolutions placed on the special order of the day for to-day.

Also the following:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act granting to school districts and professing christians,

ground belonging to the primary school fund, free of charge, whereon to erect school houses and places of public worship, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report, that in their opinion the Legislature have no power to dispose of the fund in the manner prescribed by said act; it is a trust fund for the benefit of primary schools; can be disposed of in no other manner than for the benefit of the trust, they therefore advise that the bill do not pass, and ask to be discharged.

H. CARTTER, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and said bill referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Also the following:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred sundry petitions and remonstrances in relation to rescinding and re-enacting certain resolutions passed by the Legislature of 1849, and on the subject of slavery generally, have had the same under consideration; the petitions and remonstrances having fulfilled their destiny, they have directed me, as their chairman, to report the same back to the House and recommend that they be laid up in the archives of the State as a perpetual memorial of the political insanity of the age, and ask to be discharged.

H. CARTTER, Ch'n.

Mr. Hayden objected to the reception of the report, and after some debate thereon,

Mr. Strowbridge moved the previous question,

Which was ordered.

And the main question being put, which was on the acceptance of the report,

The same was accepted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Burrows
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,

Mr. Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,

NAYS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Green,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Moore,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Strowbridge,
Speaker,

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On motion of Mr. Dennis,

The report was then laid on the table.

Also the following:

The committee on federal relations to whom was referred a Senate joint resolution relating to the Union have had the same under consideration and a majority have instructed me to report the same back to the House, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

H. CARTTER, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said joint resolution,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Roberts submitted the following:

The committee of conference, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company, together with several other bills of like character, wherein the House have adopted certain amendments to a general substitute of the Senate, respectfully report that although they are unanimous in the opinion that the amendments of the House should be adopted by the Senate, rather than the petitioners should be deprived of any right or privilege, they recommend that the House recede from the same.

E. J. ROBERTS, Ch'n House Com.

T. F. BRODHEAD, Ch'n Senate Com.

The report of the joint committee was concurred in, and the House receded from their amendments to said bill.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on printing, submitted the following report:

A majority of the committee on printing, to whom was referred a

resolution of inquiry relative to the prices paid for advertising lands delinquent for taxes, have had the same under consideration and report, that in their opinion at this late day in the session, no legislation can be had which would remedy the evil, if any exists. The committee have not had time to inquire whether the prices paid are enormous or not. The prices now paid are 20 per cent. less than were paid for some years, and it is shown that the price now paid has been the price established for the last five years and more. Your committee would respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. D. CARPENTER, Ch'n.

Mr. Hussey, from the same committee, submitted the following:

A minority of the committee on printing, to whom was referred the resolutions offered on the 22nd inst., relative to reducing the price of advertising the delinquent tax sales, have had the same under consideration, and would most respectfully report that we believe the price of advertising such sales at the present rates, is altogether too high, and that there are men in various counties in this State, who are ready to enter into good and sufficient bonds to do the same, for one quarter the present price. Therefore we would recommend for the purpose of reducing the advertising to its proper standard, that the printing of said delinquent tax sales be let by contract in the several counties in this State, to the lowest bidder, who will give satisfactory security for the faithful performance of the same, and we report the accompanying bill, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ERASTUS HUSSEY,
EDWIN KELLOGG.

The majority and minority reports and the bill were,

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an act for the relief of certain settlers on the university lands in the county of Oakland, approved March 9, 1843,

and the act amendatory thereto, approved March 11, 1844, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said bill ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

An act to authorize Jane Kellogg and Edwin Kellogg to convey certain real estate;

An act to authorize Nathan Curtis Galpin to convey certain real estate;

An act to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Berrien;

An act to enlarge the powers of the Trustees of the Adrian Church Association;

An act to amend chapter twenty-three of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highway taxes;

An act to locate the county seat of the county of Kent;

An act to alter the township lines between Springwells and Greenfield, in the county of Wayne;

An act to vacate the village plat of New Milwaukie City, in the township of Birchville, in the county of St. Clair;

An act to locate the county seat of the county of Sanilac, and for other purposes;

An act to authorize Adeline, Sarah Ann, James, George and Silas Whitaker, of the county of Oakland, to convey certain real estate;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent;

An act to authorize Alonzo Bennett, guardian of certain minors, to convey real estate;

An act to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Society; and

An act to authorize Harriet J. Sergeant, Caroline Beckwith and Olive E. Carter to convey certain lands.

The same were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

Joint resolutions relative to a certain sum of money stolen from the post office, belonging to the State;

A bill to vacate the south half of block No. 6, in the village of Lawrence, in the county of Van Buren;

A bill to vacate certain streets in the town of Lansing;

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a certain State Road;

A bill to repeal certain acts and a part of an act, approved March 31, 1849;

A bill to vacate a portion of the village of Grand River City in the county of Eaton;

A bill to amend act No. 158, session laws of 1849, entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road leading from Paw Paw to Breedsville in Van Buren county;

A bill to provide for altering the state road in the township of Moscow, in the county of Hillsdale;

A bill to provide for the publication of certain laws;

A bill to authorize George H. Murdock to convey real estate;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereof.

And the same were signed and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Morton, from the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted a report in writing.

Mr. Dennis moved to lay it on the table. Mr. Morton moved that it be printed.

Mr. Clarke moved a call of the House. Call ordered.

The roll was called, Messrs. Barlow, Bonham, Dox, Kellogg, Martin, McCarty, Roberts, Sackett, Street, Strowbridge and Winchell were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Hayden,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the motion to print,

And the same did not prevail, as follows:

YEAS

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,

Mr. Jones,
King,
Kneeland,

Mr. Noyes,
Otis,
N. Pierce,

Duncan,
Gidley,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Leach,
Lester,
Mead,
Morton,

Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,

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NAYS

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Dennis,
Dox,
Fowle,
Green,

Mr. Hall,
Hooker,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Martin,
Movius,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Root,
Stockton,
Street,
Strowbridge,
Welles,
Willson,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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Mr. Clarke submitted the following:

The committee on education, to whom was referred a bill to authorize school district No. 1, in the township of Flint, to graduate the price of tuition, respectfully report the same back, and inasmuch as a general law has provided fully for the same object, they recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said bill indefinitely postponed.

Also, the following:

The committee on education, to whom was referred a bill to establish school district No. 11, in the townships of Groveland and Holly, in the county of Oakland, and the remonstrance of sundry persons against the passage of said bill, respectfully report: That principles of sound policy forbid the Legislature to interfere with the duties which are by law imposed on the school inspectors—that such officers are supposed to be better acquainted with the wishes of the people in their immediate vicinity, and your committee are not disposed to distrust the capacity or integrity of the officers whose duties the Legislature is called upon to assume. They therefore recommend that the bill do not pass, and they ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill indefinitely postponed.

And the following:

The committee on education, to whom was referred the petition of Warren Chapman and 159 others, and the petition of George Esick and 32 others, praying for the establishment of a general system of free schools, and a bill to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes, and a bill to authorize the levying of taxes for the support of primary schools, respectfully report that the action of the House has indicated an unwillingness to take any steps to increase the fund to provide for the support of schools, it will therefore be impossible to establish such a system of free schools as that asked for by the petitioners. If it were possible to procure a corps of free teachers, the desire of the petitioners might be granted, without an increase of the present burden of taxation, but as this cannot be expected just at present, your committee are obliged to relinquish the hope which they entertained that the prayer of the petitioners would be granted, and they ask therefore to be discharged from the further consideration of the subjects referred.

HOVEY K. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and said bills were severally indefinitely postponed.

And the following:

The committee on education, to whom was referred a bill to authorize the Governor to convey sites for school houses from school and university lands, respectfully report the same back, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read a first and second time, referred to committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Clarke also submitted the following from the judiciary committee:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Elisha Ely and others, praying that a part of the plat of the village of Allegan may be vacated, respectfully report, that the desire of the petitioners is not expressed with sufficient clearness to enable

your committee to present a bill which would accomplish the end sought without doing injustice to others, and they therefore ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the judiciary committee, to whom was referred a joint resolution relative to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank submitted a report in relation thereto, in writing.

Mr. Cartter moved its indefinite postponement. Lost.

Mr. Clarke moved that it be laid on the table and printed. Agreed to.

Mr. Cartter, from the same committee, dissented from the last report of the majority of the judiciary committee, and asked to have such entered on the journal.

Mr. Nathan Pierce, from the minority of the committee on federal relations, submitted a report in writing and resolutions on the subject of slavery.

Ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Quackenboss submitted the following report:

The majority of the committee of conference, upon the disagreement between the two Houses upon the bill to amend an act entitled an act in aid of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, approved March 31, 1849, report: That they have agreed to the following amendment to said bill: Strike out, in line 4, the words "one thousand," and insert "six hundred," and recommend that both Houses concur therein. All which is respectfully submitted.

TITUS DORT,
D. S. WALBRIDGE,
JOHN BOWNE,

Committee of the Senate.

D. G. QUACKENBOSS,
E. J. ROBERTS,

Committee of the House.

Mr. Hayden, from the minority of said committee of conference, submitted the following:

The minority of the committee of conference on the disagreement between the two Houses on a bill to encourage agriculture by appropriating money out of the state treasury for that purpose, begs

leave most respectfully to report: That in the opinion of the minority of your committee, the power of the Legislature to appropriate money for such a purpose, thereby taxing the many for the benefit of the few, is, to say the least, doubtful; and, in view of the large amount of taxes which must be raised this year to defray extraordinary expenditures, is, in the opinion of your committee, inexpedient to add one dollar more than is imperatively necessary to the already almost unbearable burthens of the people. Your committee therefore recommend that the House adhere to their amendment to the bill.

P. HAYDEN.

The report of the majority of said committee was non-concurred in.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to transmit herewith,

A bill to establish a police court in the city of Detroit, and to inform you that the Senate have non-concurred in the House amendments thereto.

Also to inform you that a committee of conference on the part of the Senate has been appointed, consisting of Senators Shoemaker, Snow and Hart, upon the disagreement between the two Houses on a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847, and that the Senate respectfully request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The House receded from their 2d and 3d amendments to the first named bill.

The following message was received from the Executive by the hands of H. S. Roberts, Esq., his private secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, April 1, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the village of St. Clair;

An act to repeal certain acts, and a part of an act approved March 31, 1849;

An act to organize a school district for colored children in the village of Niles;

An act to provide for laying out and establishing a certain state road;

An act for the relief of fractional school district No. 8, in the township of Quincy in the county of Branch, and Allen in the county of Hillsdale;

An act to vacate the south half of block No. 6, in the village of Lawrence in the county of Van Buren;

An act to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Tompkins in the county of Jackson, to alter a certain state road;

An act to provide for laying out and establishing a certain State Road in the counties of Oakland and Genesee;

An act to vacate certain streets in the town of Lansing.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Mr. Strowbridge moved that the House reconsider the vote wherein they refused to print the report offered by the member from Monroe, Mr. Morton.

Mr. Axford moved to lay the motion of Mr. Strowbridge on the table. Agreed to.

Mr. Dennis offered the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the State Printer forthwith, with a copy of all laws passed at this session, amendatory to the revised statutes of 1846, and relative to the several courts in the State, and that the State Printer be, and he is hereby directed to publish all such laws in the State Journal, as soon after they are furnished to him, as possible, and send a copy of the paper containing such laws, to the cir-

cuit court judges, to the judges of the county courts and the county clerks in the several counties of the State.

Mr. Clarke moved a suspension of the rules. Agreed to.
The resolution was then read a third time and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House then took up under the order of unfinished business the following entitled bills:

A bill to incorporate the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Battle Creek;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Howell and Detroit Plank Road Company;

A bill to change the system, management and regulation of the State Prison;

A bill for the relief of Wedworth W. Clark, survivor of the late firm of P. & J. J. Godfroy & Co., were severally read a third time and passed.

The amendments of the committee of the whole to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, were severally concurred in and the same read a third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Cape Mining Company, was ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to incorporate the Homer and Union City Plank Road Company, was read a third time, and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain University and Primary school lands, being under consideration, the amendments of the committee of the whole thereto were concurred in, and the same read a third time and passed.

A bill to require the payment of money, warrants, &c., in the hands of the late treasurer of Mayfield, to the treasurer of the county of Lapeer, and for other purposes, was ordered to a third reading, was so read, and passed.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Genesee Plank Road Company, the amendments to which, in committee of

the whole, being concurred in, was read a third time and passed by a two-thirds vote.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Saginaw and Corunna Plank Road Company, was read a third time and passed.

The amendments to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849, were concurred in and the same ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter one hundred and six of title twenty-two of the revised statutes, and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849, the amendments made in committee of the whole being concurred in, was read a third time and passed.

The amendments of the committee of the whole to a bill to authorize the appointment of an injunction master in chancery in and for the counties of Shiawassee, Genesee and Livingston, which was to strike out all after the enacting clause, was concurred in.

The Speaker announced the following from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill to provide for the better management and care of the State Library;
2. A bill to provide for the publication of certain laws;
3. A bill for the relief of the county of Chippewa;
4. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Northwestern Health Insurance Company, approved March 30, 1849;
5. A bill relative to the New Buffalo and Laporte Plank Road Company;

And to inform you that in the 1st and 3d the Senate have concurred, in the 4th they have non-concurred, in the 2nd they have receded from their amendment, and in the 5th they have concurred by a two-thirds vote.

Very respectfully, &c.,
O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The first, second and third named, were ordered enrolled.

The amendments to the 5th were concurred in by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Dennis, by unanimous consent of the House, introduced a bill to provide for repairing Senate Chamber and Hall of Representatives. Read a first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter, by unanimous consent, submitted the following report:

The undersigned, minority of the committee on the joint resolution relative to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, asks leave respectfully to report that from all the evidence presented, when taken in connection with the terms of the act of 1849, entitled an act to continue for a limited time the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Michigan, the conclusion appears irresistible, that the assent which has been filed by the corporators of said bank is not such an assent as was contemplated by the act above referred to. That the persons who were stockholders of said corporation on the 24th of March, 1849, (the date of the approval of the act,) are not made personally liable for the debts and the redemption of the issues of said bank by the assent which has been filed, and that there is now no other security for the payment of the debts and the redemption of the issues of said bank than the honor and good faith of its managing officers, which has heretofore been found totally unavailable in all cases where the people asked for a redemption of the promises of these "soulless corporations," and the undersigned would warn this House against the consequences of an indirect endorsement of the soundness of said bank, and the people against trusting in the good faith of its managing officers, or the personal liability of its stockholders, which can never be enforced as they have never assented to become liable. It is believed that there is no safety to the bill holders but in prompt and immediate action. The undersigned would therefore recommend the passage of the joint resolution instructing the Attorney General to take such steps as may be necessary in the case.

H. CARTTER.

The report was accepted, ordered laid on the table and printed.

A bill for the relief of Thomas N. Bartlett, being under consideration,

Mr. Noyes moved to strike out all after the enacting clause. Lost.

Mr. Noyes moved its indefinite postponement.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Morton,

It was ordered laid on the table.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Stockton in the chair.

And after spending some time thereon, arose, and by their chairman reported back the following entitled bills:

1. A bill authorizing the State Treasurer to subscribe for certain telegraph stock;
2. A bill to regulate and fix the prices to be paid for State printing, and for other purposes;
3. A bill to provide for repairing Senate Chamber and Hall of Representatives;
4. A bill to authorize Phillip Winegar, guardian of certain minors, to convey real estate;
5. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to grant to school districts and religious denominations of professing christians, suitable grounds in the town of Michigan, belonging to the State, whereon to erect houses of worship, and school houses; and
6. A bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1850, the last named with amendments, in all which they asked the concurrence of the House and to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The first named bill being under consideration, Mr. Noyes moved to lay the same on the table. Lost.

Mr. Noyes then moved to strike out the words "State Treasurer" where they occur and insert "Governor." Lost.

The bill was then ordered to be read a third time, was so read and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hudson,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Lester,
Martin,
Mead,

Mr. Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sedgwick,
Stockton,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Duncan,
Green,

Mr. Hooker,
Leach,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,

Mr. Sacket,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Welles,

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The 2d, 3d and 4th named were severally ordered to a third reading, were so read and passed.

The fifth named being under consideration, Mr. Stockton offered the following amendment thereto, to stand at the end of section 1:

Provided, That no deed shall be executed by the Board of State Auditors or a majority of them as required in section 2 of the act to which this amendatory, to any denomination, of any lot so to be selected until the sum of five dollars shall be paid into the State Treasury for the benefit of the primary school fund for every lot so selected.

Agreed to.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading, was so read, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Green,
Hayden,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
King,
Martin,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stockton,
Welles,
Willson,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Barlow,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Dennis,

Mr. Dox,
Fowle,
Hooker,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Lester,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Root,
Sackett,
Strowbridge, 19

The amendments in committee of the whole to the 6th named, were concurred in, in gross.

Mr. Willson offered an amendment, being Senate bill, with a like title. Adopted.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

To Patrick Kelley, fireman of the Senate, and Charles Taylor, fireman of the House, each fifty cents a day during the session. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

A reconsideration of the vote was ordered, by which the amendment of Mr. Willson to said bill was adopted.

And the question being taken on the same, it was not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The bill was then ordered laid on the table.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith are returned to the House,

A bill to incorporate the Peninsular Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company; and

A bill to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company.

And I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the report of the committee of conference thereon, by a two-thirds vote, as follows: That the House recede from their amendment to the Senate substitute therefor, and each of them.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec. of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

½ past 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Sloan,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to be dispatched to procure the attendance of the several members absent without leave.

Several of the absentees soon thereafter appearing in their places, further proceedings under the call were,

On motion of Mr. Strowbridge,

Dispensed with.

Mr. Quackenboss offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter no member shall speak for a longer time than five minutes on any one question, nor more than once.

Adopted.

The House then went into the consideration of the special order of the day, and took up the joint resolutions relative to the Union, and the question being on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Wilson to the amendment of Mr. N. Pierce offered on the 13th of March last, the same was not adopted.

The question was then taken on the amendment of Mr. Nathan Pierce, and the same was not adopted.

Mr. Harris moved to strike out the amendment of Mr. Dennis, adopted by the House on the 18th inst. Agreed to, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hall,
Irvine,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Moore,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sacket,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Mead,
Morton,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

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The question was then taken on the final passage of the joint resolutions, and the same passed as originally offered, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Moore,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

29

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Morton,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

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The House then took up the joint resolutions offered by Mr. Spencer on the 14th March, inst., as a substitute for the resolutions of

Mr. Roberts. And the question being on said resolutions separately, the first was adopted, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hall,
Hussey,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Mead,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sacket,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Speaker,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Martin,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Roberts,
Stockton,

Mr. Street,
Strowbridge,

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The second, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Britain,
Carpenter,
Chamberlain,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,

Mr. Bidley,
Hudson,
Hussey,
Irvine,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Mead,
Morton,

Mr. Movius,
N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

27

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Cartter,
Dox,
Ives,
Jones,
Kennedy,

Mr. Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Noyes,
Otis,
Price,

Mr. Roberts,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The third, lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Fowle,
Gidley,
Hudson,

Mr. Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Mead,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Strowbridge,

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NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hall,
Irvine,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Moore,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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And the fourth, lost, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Bonham,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hudson,
Hussey,

Mr. Irvine,
Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Mead,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Stowbridge, 24

NAYS:

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hall,
Ives,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Moore,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

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The House then took up joint resolutions respecting the extension of slavery, and the same being under consideration, Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

First resolution, line 4, strike out all of line 4 after "duty," and insert "oppose the introduction of slavery by legislative enactment."

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Otis,

The whole subject was indefinitely postponed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,

Mr. Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,

Mr. Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,

Dennis,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,
Irvine,

Mead,
Moore,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

29

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Mr. Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Lester,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. N. Pierce,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,

19

The House then took up Senate joint resolutions relative to the Union, and the same being under consideration Mr. Harris moved to amend the preamble, as follows:

In the first line after the word "slavery," insert, "and believe Congress has the power to prohibit by positive enactment its extension into any territory of the United States now free."

Pending which, Mr. Clarke moved a call of the House.

Lost, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,
Hussey,
Kellogg,

Mr. King,
Leach,
Lester,
Mead,
N. Pierce,

Mr. Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,

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NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Carter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hall,
Ives,
Jones,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Moore,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker,

27

The question then recurring on the amendment of Mr. Harris, the same was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Britain,
Chamberlain,

Mr. Hussey,
Jones,
Kellogg,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,

Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Gidley,
Hayden,

King,
Leach,
Lester,
Movius,
N. Pierce,

Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Speaker,

22

NAYS.

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Dox,
Hooker,
Irvine,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Moore,
Otis,

Mr. J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,

18

The joint resolutions were then adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Britain,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dox,
Hall,
Hooker,

Mr. Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Kennedy,
Kenyon,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Moore,
Noyes,

Mr. Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,
Welles,
Speaker,

21

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
~~Chastelain~~,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,
Hayden,
Hussey,

Mr. Jones,
Kellogg,
King,
Leach,
Mead,
Morton,
Movius,

Mr. Quackenboss,
Renwick,
Root,
Sedgwick,
Spencer,
Stowbridge,

20

The House then took up the joint resolutions offered by Mr. Clarke relative to the extension of slavery in the territories of the United States, and the same being under consideration, Mr. Roberts moved their indefinite postponement.

Agreed to by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Cartter,
Colvin,
Dennis,
Dox,

Mr. Kennedy,
Kenyon,
King,
Kneeland,
Martin,
Mead,
Moore,

Mr. Price,
Quackenboss,
Roberts,
Root,
Sackett,
Stockton,
Street,

Hall,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,

Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,

Strowbridge,
Welles,
Winchell,
Speaker.

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NAYS.

Mr. Britain,
Chamberlin,
Clarke,
Duncan,

Mr. Hayden,
Hussey,
Kellogg,
Leach,

Mr. Morton,
N. Pierce,
Renwick,

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The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is returned a concurrent resolution relative to the publication of certain laws, in which, I am instructed to inform you, the Senate have concurred.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

Said concurrent resolution was ordered enrolled.

And the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to

1. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, approved April 2, 1849;

2. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter 106 of title 22, of the revised statutes of 1846;

3. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Genesee Plank Road Company;

The last named by a two-thirds vote.

Also to transmit,

4. A bill to provide for the assessment and collection of arrearages of State tax; and

5. Joint resolution relative to the free navigation of the River St. Lawrence;

Which the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

Mr. Noyes moved the indefinite postponement of the 4th named bill.

Pending which,

Mr. Clarke moved a call of the House.

Call ordered.

The roll was called and Messrs. Cartter, Fowle, Green, King, Martin, McCarty, Sackett, Stockton, Welles and Willson absent without leave.

When, on motion, further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Noyes to indefinitely postpone, and the same agreed to, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Axford,
Burrows,
Carpenter,
Dox,
Hooker,
Hudson,
Irvine,
Ives,
Jones,

Mr. Kenyon,
King,
Moore,
Morton,
Movius,
Noyes,
Otis,
J. B. Pierce,
Price,

Mr. Quackenbush,
Renwick,
Roberts,
Sackett,
Sedgwick,
Sloan,
Spencer,
Street,
Welles,

28

NAYS.

Mr. Bonham,
Britain,
Chamberlin,
Colvin,
Clarke,
Dennis,
Duncan,

Mr. Hall,
Hayden,
Hussey,
Kellogg,
Kennedy,
Lester,
Martin,

Mr. Mead,
Montgomery,
N. Pierce,
Root,
Stowbridge,
Winchell,

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The 5th named was read a first and second time, ordered to a third reading, under the suspension of the rules was so read and passed by the House.

The following message was received from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to authorize Reuben Perryne and David Perryne to build a dam across Grand River in the county of Eaton;

An act to authorize the township of Baltimore in the county of Barry, to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company;

An act to authorize the First Presbyterian Church of Niles to make a certain bond and mortgage;

An act to vacate a part of the village plat of the village of Dundee.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Mr. Kenyon, by unanimous consent, submitted the following report:

The committee on state affairs, to whom was referred joint resolutions authorizing the Governor to procure a re-statement of the accounts between the United States and the State of Michigan, respectfully report, that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me as their chairman, to return the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend the passage of the same.

J. KENYON, Jr., Ch'n.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said joint resolutions ordered to a third reading, were so read, and passed by the House.

Mr. Irvine, from the committee on mines and minerals, by unanimous consent, submitted the following report:

The committee on mines and minerals, to whom was referred a bill to modify and amend certain acts of incorporation, heretofore granted to mining companies, respectfully report a bill authorizing the State Treasurer to refund certain moneys to the treasurers of the counties of Houghton, Schoolcraft, Marquette and Ontonagon, and recommend the passage of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, said bill read

a first and second time, and under the suspension of the rules, ordered to a third reading, was so read, and passed by the House.

Mr. Dennis submitted the following report, from the committee of conference:

The committee of conference appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives, on the disagreement of the two Houses on a bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847, report, that they have had the matter of disagreement under consideration, and that they have not been able to agree, and ask to be discharged.

M. SHOEMAKER,

Ch'n. Sen. Com.

D. B. DENNIS,

Ch'n. House Com.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Clarke moved a call of the House.

Call not ordered.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

A bill for the relief of Thomas W. Bartlett, was taken from the table, the same ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed by the House.

The House then took up a bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1850, and the same was ordered to a third reading, was so read and passed.

Mr. Axford moved to take from the table a bill to reduce the price of University lands in the county of Oakland.

Not agreed to.

The following message was received from the Governor by the hands of H. S. Roberts, Esq., his private secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to alter the township lines between Springwells and Greenfield in the county of Wayne;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a state road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent, approved March 27th, 1848;

An act to authorize Nathan Curtis Galpin to convey certain real estate;

An act to vacate the village plat of New Milwaukie City in the township of Birchville in the county of St. Clair;

An act to provide for the improvement of a certain state road leading from Lansing in the county of Ingham, passing through the villages of Charlotte and Bellevue in the county of Eaton to the village of Battle Creek in the county of Calhoun;

An act to provide for the location of the seat of justice in the county of Kent;

An act to locate the county seat of the county of Sanilac, and for other purposes;

An act to authorize Adeline, Sarah Ann, James, George and Silas Whitaker, of the county of Oakland, to convey certain real estate;

An act to authorize Thomas Curtis, Thomas Seeley and their associates to construct a race for mill purposes;

An act to authorize Harriet S. Sargent, Caroline Beckwith and Olive E. Carter to convey certain lands;

An act to vacate a portion of the village of Grand River City in the county of Eaton;

An act to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Society;

An act to authorize George H. Murdock to convey real estate;

An act to authorize Alonzo Bennett, guardian of certain minor heirs, to convey real estate;

An act to authorize Jane Kellogg and Edwin Kellogg to convey certain real estate;

An act to provide for laying out a certain state road in the county of Berrien;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereof;

An act to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township of Plainfield, in the county of Kent, to alter a state road;

An act to amend an act to provide for the collection of a special tax for the improvement of the Territorial or Vistula road in the counties of Lenawee and Hillsdale, approved March 17, 1847;

An act to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trenton and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company;

An act to amend chapter 23 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highway taxes;

An act to provide for altering the state road in the township of Moscow, county of Hillsdale; and

An act to amend act No. 158, session laws of 1849, entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road leading from Paw Paw to Breedsville in Van Buren county.

JNO. S. BARRY.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg,

The House adjourned.

Evening Session.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called. A quorum present.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to authorize the township of Baltimore, in the county of Barry, to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company;

A bill to authorize Reuben Perryne and David Perryne to build a dam across Grand River, in the county of Eaton;

A bill to vacate a part of the plat of the village of Dundee, in the county of Monroe;

A bill to authorize the 1st Presbyterian Church of Niles, to make a certain bond and mortgage;

A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph Rail Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the village of Battle Creek;

Joint resolution relative to a certain sum of money, belonging to the State, alleged to have been stolen from the post office;

A bill relative to James Seymour's dam at Flushing;

A bill to incorporate the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company;

Joint resolution in relation to a State Convention;

A bill to incorporate the Northern Michigan Telegraph Company;

A bill to provide for the appraisal of certain lands in Berrien county;

A bill to authorize James Shepherd, guardian of Esther Ann Shepherd, to convey certain real estate;

A bill to provide for the sale of a site to school district No. 5, in Tecumseh, for a school house;

A bill to authorize Delia C. Cole, Charles Henry Cole and Mariette Lovina Cole, to convey certain real estate;

A bill to amend certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9th, 1841;

A bill to amend the revised statutes relative to the support of primary schools, and the custody of township libraries;

A bill to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company of Michigan;

A bill to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company;

A bill to authorize Prudence Kent and Frances S. Warner, of Shiawassee county, to convey certain real estate;

A bill to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company;

A bill to amend act No. 188 session laws of 1849, entitled an act to provide for laying out a State Road from Ohio, north to the village of Hudson, approved March 31;

A bill to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company;

A bill to authorize William Welles, administrator, and Catharine Cusick, administratrix on the estate of Clark S. Cusick, deceased, to convey certain real estate;

A bill to enable Milton H. Butler to convey certain real estate;

A bill to incorporate the Niles Union Hall Association;

A bill for the relief of the county of Chippewa;

A bill to provide for the publication of certain laws;

A bill relative to the New Buffalo and Laporte Plank Road Company;

A bill to provide for the better management of the State Library;

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

The following message was announced from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives :

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company;

An act relative to James Seymour's dam at Flushing;

An act to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company;

An act to incorporate the village of Battle Creek;

Joint resolution relative to a certain sum of money, belonging to the State, alleged to have been stolen from the post-office;

An act to authorize Prudence Kent and Frances S. Warner, of Shiawassee county, to convey certain real estate;

An act to amend certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841;

An act to incorporate the Northern Michigan Telegraph Company;

An act to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to provide for the appraisal of certain lands in Berrien county;

An act to provide for the sale of a site to school district No. 5, in the township of Tecumseh, for a school house;

An act to authorize James Shepherd, guardian of Esther Ann Shepherd, to convey certain real estate;

An act to authorize Delia C. Cole, Charles Henry Cole and Mariett Lovina Cole to convey certain real estate;

An act to amend the revised statutes relative to the support of primary schools and the custody of township libraries; and

Joint resolution in relation to State Convention.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

Sir—I am instructed herewith to transmit,

Joint resolutions relating to the Union,

And to inform you that the Senate have non-concurred in the House amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

Mr. Otis moved that the House recede from their amendment.

Agreed to, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Axford,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Otis,	
Burrows,	Ives,	J. B. Pierce,	
Carpenter,	Kennedy,	Price,	
Carter,	Kenyon,	Roberts,	
Colvin,	Kneeland,	Sackett,	
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Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hussey,	Mr. Quackenboss,	
Britain,	Jones,	Renwick,	
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Mr. Leach offered the following:

Resolved, That the select committee on licenses are hereby instructed to report forthwith on the petition referred to them praying for the levying of a tax on all unmarried "lords of creation."

Referred to the select committee on licenses.

Mr. Price moved to take from the table a resolution placing at the disposal of the Adjutant and Quarter-Master General a certain sum of money to be used by him in securing arms and military supplies belonging to the State. Lost.

Mr. Axford moved to take from the table a bill to amend an act entitled an act for the relief of certain settlers on the university lands in the county of Oakland, approved March 9, 1843, and the act amendatory thereto, approved March 11, 1844. Lost.

The following message was received from the Executive, by the hands of his Private Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for the better management and care of the State Library;

An act to enable Milton H. Butler to convey certain real estate;

An act to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to authorize William Welles, administrator, and Catharine Cusick, administratrix, on the estate of Clark S. Cusick, deceased, to convey certain real estate;

An act to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to incorporate the Lawrence Literary Institute Association;

An act to provide for the publication of certain laws;

An act to incorporate the Niles Union Hall Association;

An act relative to the New Buffalo and Laporte Plank Road Company;

An act to amend act No. 188, session laws of 1849, entitled an act to provide for laying out a state road from Ohio, north to the village of Hudson, approved March 31;

An act to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company of Michigan;

An act for the relief of the county of Chippewa;

Joint resolution relative to a donation of land by the general government for establishing agricultural schools, and for other purposes;

An act to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy at Bertrand in the county of Berrien;

An act to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Lenox Plank Road Company;

An act to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to provide for the collection and payment of taxes assessed upon sold and part paid for university and primary school lands;

An act to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company of Michigan; and

An act amendatory to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Flint and Saginaw Navigation Company, approved May 15, 1846.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill to regulate and fix the prices to be paid for state printing, and for other purposes; also,

2. A bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses for the year eighteen hundred and fifty,

And to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, with amendments to the last named, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return,

3. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17, 1847,

And to inform you that the Senate insist upon their amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,
Secretary of Senate.

The first named was ordered enrolled.

The 2d named being under consideration, Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, viz:

Strike out the 70th and 71st lines and insert "to R. Sapp, chaplain of the House, and W. W. Atterbury, each the sum of three dollars per day during the session."

A division of the question was ordered, and the question being taken on striking out, the same did not prevail.

Mr. Britain offered the following amendment:

Strike out the 57th and to the 64th line inclusive and insert: "That there be allowed to E. O. Leach, enrolling clerk of the Senate, the

sum of six cents per folio for making a fair copy of the journals of the Senate of the present session of the Legislature, to be paid on the certificate of the Secretary of State, (who shall certify the number of folios,) that the work has been correctly done and deposited in his office;

“That there be allowed John Swegles, Jr., enrolling clerk of the House of Representatives, the sum of six cents per folio, for making a fair copy of the journals of the House of Representatives of the present session of the Legislature, to be paid on the certificate of the Secretary of State, (who shall certify the number of folios,) that the work has been correctly done and deposited in his office.”

A division being called for, the question was first taken on striking out, and the same was not agreed to.

The Senate amendments were then concurred in in gross, and the bill ordered enrolled.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith is transmitted,

A bill to incorporate the Cass River Navigation Company;

Which I am instructed to inform you the Senate have passed by a two-thirds vote, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, to return herewith,

A bill authorizing the State Treasurer to refund certain moneys to the treasurers of the counties of Houghton, Schoolcraft, Marquette and Ontonagon, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of Senate.

The first named was read a first and second time, a suspension of the rules ordered, to put it on its third reading, it was so read, and passed by a two-thirds vote.

The Senate amendments to the second named were concurred in, and the same as amended ordered enrolled.

And the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed to return herewith,

1. A bill making appropriations for the salaries of the State officers for the year 1850;

2. A bill to provide for the laying out of a certain state road,

And to inform you that the Senate have concurred therein, the first named with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return,

3. A bill to change the system, management and regulation of the state prison, and

4. A bill to reduce the price of university lands in certain cases, And inform you that the Senate have non-concurred therein.

Very respectfully, yours &c.,

O. W. MOORE,
Sec'y of Senate.

The Senate amendments to the first named were concurred in and the same ordered enrolled.

The second named was ordered enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed to return herewith the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to amend an act to provide for the removal of the State Land Office to the seat of government;

2. A bill for the relief of the several school districts in the township of Camden, in Hillsdale county;

3. A bill to amend chapter 27 of the revised statutes of the State of Michigan;

4. A bill to incorporate the German Society of Saginaw;

5. A bill to lay out and establish a state road from Almont, in the county of Lapeer, to Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair;

6. A bill to authorize Erie Prince to build a dam across the Thornapple river, in Kent county;

7. A bill to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to

incorporate the St. Mary's Canal Company, approved March 17, 1847, and to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Mary's Canal Company, approved March 4, 1848; and

8. Joint resolutions relative to grants of land by the Congress of the United States to the officers serving in the United States Army during the late war with Great Britain, and to respectfully inform you that the Senate have non-concurred therein.

Very respectfully,

O. W. MOORE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Sedgwick offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to the Honorable Silas G. Harris, for the able, courteous and impartial discharge of the duties of Speaker at the present session.

Adopted (Mr. Morton only dissenting) unanimously.

Mr. Morton offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due to D. P. Bushnell, clerk of the House, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the laborious duties of his office.

Mr. Clarke moved to amend by adding after the word "able," "courteous." Agreed to.

And the resolution as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Movius offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be, and are hereby tendered to Moses B. Hess, late librarian, for the courteous and obliging manner in which he has performed the duties of that office; and

Resolved, That the clerk of the House be requested to furnish Mr. Hess with a copy of the above resolution. Unanimously adopted.

Mr. Stockton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we consign to oblivion in this hall all unkind feelings engendered by the course of legislation, and that now, on the eve of our separation, we tender each to the other our mutual and reciprocal kind feeling, with the wish that each and all may have a safe return to our homes, our families and our friends.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Hudson, from the committee on enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company;

Joint resolution relative to a donation of land for agricultural schools;

A bill to incorporate the Mt. Clemens and Lenox Plank Road Company;

A bill to incorporate the Lawrence Literary Institute Association;

A bill to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy, at Bertrand, Berrien county, Michigan;

A bill to provide for the collection and payment of taxes assessed upon sold and part paid for university and primary school lands;

A bill to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company;

A bill establishing the rates of tolls receivable by the Flint and Saginaw Navigation Company;

A bill to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company;

A bill to authorize the State Treasurer to refund certain moneys to the treasurers of the counties of Houghton, Schoolcraft, Marquette and Ontonagon;

A bill to regulate and fix the prices to be paid for state printing and for other purposes;

A bill to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company;

A bill to incorporate the Peninsular Mining Company;

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road;

A bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1850;

A bill making appropriations for the salaries of state officers for the year 1850;

Which were signed and presented to the Governor.

The following message was received from the Executive;

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to incorporate the Peninsular Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company of Michigan;

An act to authorize the State Treasurer to refund certain moneys to the treasurers of the counties of Houghton, Schoolcraft, Marquette and Ontonagon; and

An act to incorporate the Cass River Navigation Company.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform that body that the House have no further business before them, and are now ready to adjourn. Agreed to.

The chair appointed Messrs. Britain and Bonham such committee.

The following message was announced from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for the laying out of a certain State Road;

An act making appropriations for the salaries of the State officers for the year 1850; and

An act making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1850.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Senators Harvie and Dickey were announced as a committee on the part of the Senate, who informed the House that the Senate, having no further business before them, were now ready to adjourn.

Messrs. Britain and Bonham, who were appointed a committee on the part of the House to inform the Senate they had no further business before them and were now ready to adjourn, returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

On motion of Mr. Movius,

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to act with a like committee of the Senate, to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two Houses have no further business before them, and if he has no further communication to make, they are now ready to adjourn.

Messrs. Movius and Hooker were appointed such committee.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, April 2, 1850. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to inform you that the Senate have appointed a committee, consisting of Senators Summers and Isbell, to act with a like committee on the part of the House, to wait upon the Governor and ask him if he has any further communication to make.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. W. MOORE,

Sec'y of Senate.

The Speaker then resumed the Chair and addressed the House as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :—

Your labors are nearly closed, and you are about to part to return to your constituents, your families and friends.

Your duties have detained you much longer than was anticipated; but truth will bear witness to your untiring industry, and the ardent desire manifested by all to adjourn at the earliest possible period compatible with the interests intrusted to your care.

The vast amount of local legislation, incident to our rapid progress—marching as we are, in all the elements of improvement, wealth and population, with gigantic strides towards the front rank among our sister States—forbids for the present as short sessions as we could desire, without the most hasty and inconsiderate action.

The convention soon to assemble to revise our constitution, may, it is hoped, relieve future Legislatures of much labor of a strictly local character, pertaining to counties and townships, which has devolved upon you, and which has employed much time and attention.

Gentlemen, permit me to take this occasion to tender to you my heart-felt thanks and grateful acknowledgments for the good feeling, kindness and courtesy that you have uniformly and on all occa-

sions shown me as your presiding officer—more, much more, I doubt not, than I have deserved at your hands.

And in replying to the very flattering testimony of approbation, which you have been pleased to bestow upon me, pardon me for saying, that although ardent and impulsive in my temperament, and lacking that experience and wisdom of years which so many among you could have brought to this chair, it has been my constant study and desire to cast aside all party predilections and personal prejudices, in the discharge of my official duties, and to render strict and impartial justice to all; and if I have failed, or come short in this, on some of the many trying occasions and excitable questions that have arisen among us, I now ask the forgiveness of those towards whom I may have dealt unjustly, if any such there be.

Gentlemen, in parting with you I feel the most deep and lasting emotions of friendship swelling my heart; most of us, I trust, may meet again in our journey through life. But, although the eye of a just and merciful God has watched over us and preserved our healths and our lives during our labors here, and for which we never can be too grateful, still, death is the lot of all, and many of us may never, *never* meet again.

But in the warm welcome to your homes by your families and friends, you will find an ample recompense for the loss of friendly association with each other here.

Gentlemen, believing your constituents will be doing you but common justice for your watchfulness and assiduity for their interests, in saying: well done, good and faithful servants, I now, with a heartfelt God bless you, bid you farewell.

Mr. Movius, from the joint committee appointed to wait upon the Governor, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and had received for answer that he had no further communication to make.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

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59. An act to amend section 60, chapter 14, title 3 of the revised statutes of 1846, Senate, 140, 141, 360, 361, 387.
60. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Grand Rapids Hydraulic Company, Senate, 229, 230, 375, 378, 389.
61. An act to provide for holding terms of the circuit court in the counties of Ingham and Eaton, Senate, 115, 360, 361, 387.
62. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Jackson, Senate, 165, 182, 360, 361, 387.
63. An act for the alteration of the township lines between the townships of Ash and Frenchtown in the county of Monroe, Senate, 183, 184, 248, 360, 361, 387.
64. An act to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Pulas-ki in the county of Jackson for the year 1849, Senate, 108, 114, 360, 361, 387.
65. An act to amend section 63, chapter 14, and section 8 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes of 1846, Senate, 164, 165, 192, 361, 387.
66. An act to amend section 65 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes of 1846, Senate, 114, 192, 360, 361, 388, 400.
67. An act to repeal an act entitled an act for the dissolution of several school districts in the county of Oakland, approved March 29, 1849, Senate, 126, 207, 208, 360, 361, 387.
68. An act to amend an act to create a road fund for the benefit of the German Colonists in Saginaw county, and to authorize the appointment of commissioners to expend the same, approved March 31, 1849, Senate, 240, 241, 255, 379, 388.
69. An act to enable Tracy Richmond, a minor, to convey certain real estate, Senate, 164, 165, 191, 360, 361, 387.
70. An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter 25 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to laying out, altering or discontinuing highways, approved March 18, 1848, Senate, 828, 230, 239, 407, 453.

71. An act to extend the time for the return of certain taxes in the township of Dexter, in the county of Washtenaw, Senate, 380, 381, 414.
72. An act to incorporate the Saginaw and Genesee Plank Road Company, Senate, 183, 190, 361, 362, 363, 371, 372, 373, 396.
73. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Saginaw and Grand River Canal Company, Senate, 229, 230, 236, 375, 378, 385, 389.
74. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Monroe and Erie Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1848, Senate, 330, 331, 344, 398, 401, 415, 416.
75. An act to incorporate the Royal Oak and Hastings Plank Road Company, Senate, 183, 184, 190, 375, 378, 389, 420.
76. An act to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, Senate, 229, 230, 236, 375, 378, 388, 420.
77. An act to attach a part of the township of Bertrand in the county of Berrien to the township of Niles, Mr. Axford, 234, 321, 446, 447, 457, 490.
78. An act to provide for the time, place and manner of holding the Convention to revise the Constitution and for the election of delegates thereto, Mr. Cartter, 172, 173, 212, 245, 251, 252, 260, 269, 307, 308, 309, 310, 316, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 348, 393, 394, 395, 420, 421, 427, 448, 449, 450, 451, 474, 479, 490.
79. An act for the relief of Daniel Munger, Mr. Carpenter, 320, 321, 399, 411, 452, 457, 490.
80. An act to establish highways in the township of Hartland in the county of Livingston, Mr. Otis, 131, —, 359, 387, 446, 447, 457, 490.
81. An act to unite the townships of Tyler and Eaton Rapids in the county of Eaton, Mr. Axford, 235, 298, 350, 446, 447, 457, 541.
82. An act to incorporate the Romeo and Canandaigua Plank Road Company, Mr. Snow, 108, 124, 349, 355, 370, 371, 388, 446, 447, 474, 596.
83. An act to change the name of the township of Sheboygan in the county of Mackinac, Mr. Irvine, 243, 253, 428, 460, 519, 522, 546, 596.
84. An act to incorporate the Niles and State Line Plank Road Company, Mr. Street, 373, 381, 440, 441, 442, 466, 519, 522, 590, 596.
85. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Indiana and Adrian Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1848, Mr. Green, 215, 314, 440, 441, 462, 556, 557, 590, 596.
86. An act in relation to town plats, Mr. Hooker, 90, 151, 152, 162, 497, 518, 596.
87. An act to incorporate the Breedsville and South Haven Plank Road Company, Mr. Hayden, 158, 182, 232, 350, 352, 446, 447, 448, 474, 596.

88. An act to vacate a part of the village of Mason in the township of Coldwater in the county of Branch, Mr. Axford, 352, 428, 438, 460, 518, 520, 540, 596.
89. An act to incorporate the Paw Paw and Lawrence Plank Road Company, Mr. Hayden, 158, 182, 213, 218, 249, 250, 530, 590, 596.
90. An act to incorporate the Mason and Jackson Plank Road Company, Mr. Morton, 314, 440, 441, 466, 519, 522, 546, 596.
91. An act for the relief of the several school districts in the townships of Allen, Camden and Somerset in the county of Hillsdale, Mr. Dennis, 193, 389, 390, 411, 518, 520, 540, 596.
92. An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Cotton Wood Swamp Turnpike Company to lay out and construct a certain plank road, and for other purposes, approved March 31, 1849, Mr. Dennis, 257, 304, 482, 501, 527, 531, 556, 590, 596.
93. An act to incorporate the Romeo Plank Road Company, Mr. Morton, 355, 440, 442, 464, 518, 520, 522, 590, 596.
94. An act to incorporate the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company, Mr. Beers, 86, 87, 112, 113, 169, 503, 390, 590, 596, 530, 556.
95. An act to incorporate the Mud Street Plank Road Company, Mr. Hudson, 332, 344, 440, 441, 464, 465, 519, 522, 546, 596.
96. An act authorizing a connection between the Detroit and Pontiac and Oakland and Ottawa Railroads, and for other purposes, Mr. Snow, 276, 295, 482, 483, 484, 519, 522, 529, 596.
97. An act for the relief of heirs of James H. Welling, Mr. Noyes, 293, 332, 333, 548, 549, 555, 605.
88. An act to repeal No. 53 of the session laws of 1846, and for other purposes, Mr. Axford, 302, 332, 333, 446, 447, 456, 605.
99. An act to authorize Julia H. Spencer and Jeanette A. Spencer to convey certain real estate, Mr. Mead, 193, 300, 335, 519, 522, 546, 605.
100. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Coldwater Plank Road Company, Mr. Mead, 276, 304, 504, 505, 530, 556, 557, 564, 605.
101. An act to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township of Ronald in the county of Ionia to alter a state road in said township, Mr. Otis, 149, 359, 387, 452, 456, 605.
102. An act to incorporate the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Plank Road Company, Mr. Hudson, 161, 182, 349, 359, 446, 447, 457, 605.
103. An act to incorporate the Grand Rapids and Plainfield Plank Road Company, Mr. Morton, 303, 503, 533, 541, 556, 557, 564, 605.

104. An act to modify an act to incorporate the Quincy Mining Company, Mr. Roberts, 292, 293, 482, 501, 527, 556, 557, 564, 605.
105. An act to incorporate the Hastings and Yankee Springs Plank Road Company, Mr. Barlow, 332, 344, 504, 505, 528, 556, 557, 564, 605.
106. An act to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company, Mr. Hudson, 334, 344, 440, 441, 451, 519, 522, 555, 605.
107. An act to amend act No. 165 of the session laws of 1848, entitled an act to provide for laying out and establishing certain state roads, approved April 1st, 1848, Mr. Ous, 208, 414, 415, 424, 518, 520, 540, 605.
108. An act to authorize Morris S. Allen and his wife to convey certain real estate, Mr. Scott, 331, 368, 373, 374, 519, 522, 546, 605.
109. An act to incorporate the Marshall and Ionia Plank Road Company, Mr. Morton, 216, 389, 411, 451, 452, 474, 605.
110. An act to incorporate the Paw Paw and Schoolcraft Plank Road Company, Mr. Hayden, 366, 504, 505, 528, 556, 590, 605.
111. An act to change the name of Lewis, Henry, Aaron and Samuel Freudenthaler, Mr. Dennis, 248, 426, 427, 436, 519, 522, 546, 605.
112. An act to incorporate St. Mark's College at Grand Rapids, Senate, 183, 184, 190, 328, 493, 501, 502, 503, 531, 532, 549, 550.
113. An act to incorporate the Centerville and Kalamazoo Plank Road Company, Senate, 330, 331, 355, 440, 441, 463.
114. An act to incorporate the Albion and Homer Plank Road Company, Senate, 330, 331, 344, 440, 441, 462.
115. An act supplementary to an act to provide for the payment of officers and members of the Legislature, approved January 16, 1850, Senate, 520, 522, 545, 556, 557.
116. An act for the relief of the Baptist Society at Howell, Senate, 395, 396, 406, 559.
117. An act to incorporate the Portland and Lansing Plank Road Company, Senate, 229, 230, 303, 304, 504, 505, 528.
118. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Monroe and Saline Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1848, Senate, 447, 451, 455, 504, 505, 528.
119. An act providing for the punishment of persons in the possession of stolen property in this state, having stolen the same in another state, and for the punishment of receivers of stolen property in certain cases, Senate, 229, 230, 498, 527.
120. An act to amend an act entitled an an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the City of Detroit, approved March 10, 1845, Senate, 249, 250, 258, 259, 314, 315, 482, 499, 500, 501, 526, 527.

121. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor, Senate, 183, 328, 493, 494, 532, 550.
122. An act to amend an act entitled an act to enable the executors or administrators of the estate of James B. Clark, deceased, to sell certain land, approved March 31, 1849, Senate, 330, 331, 370, 543, 544, 559.
123. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Clair Plank Road Company, Senate, 381, 393, 440, 441, 468.
124. An act to incorporate the Plymouth and Dearborn Plank Road Company, Senate, 229, 230, 303, 304, 504, 505, 528 530.
125. An act to amend an act approved May 7th 1846, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the stockholders of the Bank of St. Clair, approved March 28, 1836, Senate, 256, 257, 263, 428, 438, 459, 460, 507.
126. An act to incorporate the Iron Bay and Carp River Plank Road Company, Senate, 330, 333, 408, 503, 533, 541.
127. An act to incorporate the Fentonville and Milford Plank Road Company, Senate, 229, 230, 303, 304, 505, 528.
128. An act to incorporate the Erin and Mt. Clemens Plank Road Company, Senate, 447, 451, 455, 503, 505, 531.
129. An act to organize the county of Montcalm, Senate, 452, 476, 479, 488, 494.
130. An act to vacate the plat of Biddle City, in the county of Ingham, Senate, 330, 331, 369, 527, 478.
131. An act to incorporate the Grand River Plank Road Company, Senate, 229, 230, 303, 304, 504, 505, 528.
132. An act to incorporate the Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company, Senate, 447, 451, 455, 504, 505, 528, 529, 530.
133. An act to incorporate the Gull Prairie Plank Road Company, Senate, 245, 246, 241, 303, 304, 406, 558, 581, 583, 504, 505, 528.
134. An act to authorize Julia A. Grougan to assign certain land certificates, Senate, 196, 370, 543, 544, 559.
135. An act to authorize Nathaniel A. Balch, administrator, to sell certain real estate belonging to the estate of Walter Clark, late of Kalamazoo, deceased, Senate, 364, 365, 456, 543, 544, 559.
136. An act to organize the township of Bushnell, Mr. Axford, 248, 415, 424, 556, 557, 606.
137. An act to authorize George M. Fifield to convey certain real estate, Mr. Winchell, 174, 191, 232, 379, 380, 425, 435, 642, 652.
138. An act to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, Senate, 364, 406, 558, 559, 581, 583, 504, 505, 507, 518, 523.

139. An act to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a State Normal School, Mr. Morius, 458, 459, 473, 551, 583.
140. An act to incorporate the Paw Paw and Allegan Plank Road Company, Mr. Hayden, 391, 504, 505, 528, 556, 557, 649, 669.
141. An act to incorporate the Union City and Fremont Plank Road Company, Mr. Colvin, 435, 504, 505, 533, 558, 616, 618, 649, 669.
142. An act to incorporate the Cassopolis and Dowagiac Plank Road Company, Mr. Morton, 547, 583, 616, 618, 649, 669.
143. An act to authorize C. C. Darling and B. F. Bailey to erect a dam across the Grand River, Mr. Montgomery, 127, 359, 387, 617, 619, 649, 669.
144. An act to amend an act entitled an act to exempt a homestead from forced sale in certain cases, Mr. Dennis, 148, 149, 359, 387, 617, 618, 649.
145. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Hillsdale and Indiana Plank Road Company, Mr. Mead, 276, 320, 440, 441, 501, 504, 532, 533, 558, 616, 618, 649, 669.
146. An act to organize certain townships therein named, Mr. Arford, 113, 146, 169, 170, 253, 367, 422, 498, 555, 557, 649, 669.
147. An act to incorporate the Royal Oak and Rochester Plank Road Company, Mr. Morton, 367, 503, 533, 541, 555, 557, 669.
148. An act to incorporate the Howell and Byron Plank Road Company, Mr. Morton, 368, 504, 505, 528, 556, 557, 669.
149. An act to incorporate the Clarkston Academical Institute, Mr. Clarke, 255, 429, 436, 518, 520, 522, 649, 669.
150. An act to incorporate the Decatur and St. Joseph Plank Road Company, Mr. Hayden, 422, 430, 504, 505, 555, 557, 613, 669.
151. An act to provide for the laying out and establishing a State road from Lexington in Sanilac county, to Point Aux Barque in Huron county, Mr. Lester, 264, 345, 346, 593, 617, 618, 632, 669.
152. An act to incorporate the Lawrence and St. Joseph Plank Road Company, Mr. Britain, 423, 430, 503, 533, 558, 616, 518, 632, 670.
153. An act to lay out, establish and improve a State road from Hastings in the county of Barry, to Ionia in the county of Ionia, Mr. Otis, 294, 561, 583, 594, 617, 618, 619, 649, 670.
154. An act for the relief of Ezra Billings, Mr. J. B. Pierce, 224, 414, 415, 424, 670, 671, 667, 688.
155. An act to incorporate the Detroit and Lake St. Clair Plank Road Company, Senate, 671.
156. An act to authorize the Trustees of the First Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jackson to execute a mortgage upon certain real estate, Senate, 249, 250, 345, 612, 624, 637.

157. An act to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes of 1846, Mr. Otis, 185, 485, 541, 551, 552, 584, 586, 587, 595, 600, 624, 637.
158. An act to authorize the Trustees of the Marshall Cemetery Company to convey their real and personal estate to the common council of the village of Marshall, and to repeal the act entitled an act to incorporate the Marshall Cemetery Company, Senate, 63, 64, 321, 527, 637.
159. An act to authorize the vacation of a certain street in the village of Kalamazoo, Senate, 395, 396, 419, 627, 628.
160. An act to incorporate Monroe Chapter No. 1 of Royal Arch Masons of the city of Detroit, Senate, 395, 396, 417, 627, 628, 637.
161. An act for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals, and for other purposes, Senate, 529, 530, 545, 640, 647, 648, 657.
162. An act to provide for the trial of civil causes in the circuit court by jury, Senate, 330, 331, 370, 627, 635, 636.
163. An act to incorporate the Clinton and Mooreville Plank Road Company, Senate, 519, 522, 538, 640, 647, 657.
164. An act to vacate certain alleys in the village of Albion, Senate, 395, 396, 419, 627, 637.
165. An act to amend section 24, chapter 84, title 20 of the revised statutes of 1846, Senate, 183, 184, 356, 611, 624, 625, 637.
166. An act to provide for procuring a block of Michigan native copper for the Washington National Monument, Senate, 447, 451, 478, 627, 638.
167. An act relative to purchasing maps for State offices and State library, Senate, 617, 619, 632, 673, 674.
169. An act for the relief of Alfred Ashley, Mr. Dennis, 225, 226, 414, 424, 642, 652, 705.
170. An act to authorize Levi C. Mathews, Samuel S. Riley and William R. Eck, to erect a dam across the St. Joseph river, on section 1, in township 6 south of range 9 west, in the county of St. Joseph, Mr. Bonham, 197, 226, 414, 415, 424, 641, 642, 652, 705.
171. An act in relation to moneys received for licenses in the county of Monroe, Mr. Dennis, 103, 137, 459, 479, 641, 642, 652, 705.
172. An act for the improvement of the State road from the village of Flint to Lansing, laid out under the provisions of section 3 of an act entitled an act to provide for establishing certain roads, approved April 1, 1848, Mr. Otis, 320, 373, 374, 641, 642, 667, 705.
173. An act to change the name of Celestia Rebecca Richards, Mr. Dennis, 160, 213, 219, 617, 618, 667, 705.
174. An act to vacate certain streets in the village of Hastings, Mr. Barlow, 161, 265, 405, 428, 438, 439, 459, 670, 671, 682, 705.

175. An act supplemental to an act entitled an act to authorize the board of Supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to loan money for the purpose of building a court house with county offices, approved February 28, 1850, Mr. Mead, 635, 643, 670, 671, 682, 705.
176. An act to re-annex a portion of the township of Allendale to the township of Holland in the county of Ottawa, Mr. Axford, 274, 357, 367, 627, 628, 670, 671, 682, 705.
177. An act to organize certain townships and for other purposes, Mr. Axford, 295, 527, 616, 618, 632, 633, 671, 682, 705.
178. An act to amend the charter of the village of Niles, Mr. Street, 174, 194, 390, 412, 418, 424, 642, 682, 705.
178. An act to provide for opening a State road from Marshall in the county of Calhoun, to Lansing in the county of Ingham, Senate, 452, 539, 640, 646, 647, 657.
180. An act to amend an act to consolidate and amend the laws relative to the establishment of a State Normal School, Senate, 688, 691, 692.
181. An act to amend an act to incorporate the North-western Health Insurance Company, Senate, 556, 564, 679, 693, 700.
182. An act to amend chapter 56 of the revised statute of 1846, Mr. Clarke, 485, 541, 606, 607, 654, 663, 664, 686, 685.
183. An act to organize the county of Midland, Mr. McCarty, 434, 443, 478, 479, 670, 671, 701, 724.
184. An act to incorporate the Ontonagon Plank Road Company, Mr. Roberts, 297, 304, 504, 505, 530, 670, 671, 702, 724.
185. An act in relation to certain taxes in the southern part of the county of Gratiot, Mr. Scott, 347, 348, 368, 374, 670, 671, 701, 724.
186. An act to incorporate the Battle Creek Mill Canal Company, Mr. Hussey, 257, 274, 427, 437, 461, 642, 671, 702, 724.
187. An act to amend the charter of the village of Pontiac, Senate, 547, 548, 564, 679, 693.
188. An act to amend an act entitled an act to revive and continue in force an act entitled an act to incorporate the Peninsular Mutual Fire and Marine Company, approved March 12, 1844, under the name and style of the Detroit Fire and Marine Insurance Company, approved March 31, 1849, Senate, 547, 548, 587, 651, 658, 659, 685, 754.
189. An act to authorize Ambrose P. Young, guardian of the minor heirs of Joseph Tures, deceased, to convey certain real estate, Senate, 520, 522, 553, 686.
190. An act to amend chapter 72 of the revised statutes of 1846, Senate, 520, 522, 553, 665, 666, 685.
191. An act to provide for paying expenses incurred and authorized by the Adjutant General, in securing and repairing arms, ordnance and accouterments, belonging to the State, Mr. Price, 358, 399, 542, 544, 582, 709, 710, 737, 747.
192. An act to incorporate the Battle Creek and Gull Prairie Plank Road Company, Mr. Hussey, 296, 304, 440, 441, 465, 466, 518, 521, 723, 747.

193. An act to provide for the collection of taxes assessed on personal property in certain cases, Mr. Britain, 106, 136, 137, 151, 359, 387, 670, 671, 707, 708, 723, 747.
194. An act to provide for establishing the seat of justice for the county of Newaygo, Mr. Hall, 165, 235, 415, 416, 424, 709, 710, 719, 738, 747.
195. An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of the Southern Rail Road, and to incorporate the Michigan Southern Rail Road Company, approved May 9, 1846, Senate, 683, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 720, 721, 722.
196. An act to repeal certain acts and a part of an act, approved March 31, 1849, Mr. Burrows, 357, 611, 625, 636, 755, 756, 789, 794.
197. An act to organize a school district for colored children, in the village of Niles, Mr. Clarke, 544, 545, 698, 731, 755, 756, 762, 794,
198. An act to provide for laying out and establishing a certain State road, Mr. Stockton, 399, 405, 697, 732, 719, 789, 794.
199. An act for the relief of fractional school district number eight in the township of Quincy, in the county of Branch, and Allen, in the county of Hillsdale, Mr. Clarke, 328, 628, 636, 757, 762, 794.
200. An act to vacate the south half of block number six, in the village of Lawrence, in the county of Van Buren, Mr. Dennis, 486, 611, 625, 636, 756, 757, 789, 794.
201. An act to authorize the highway commissioners of the township of Tompkins in the county of Jackson, to alter a certain State road, Mr. Otis, 487, 640, 648, 657, 757, 762, 794.
202. An act to provide for laying out and establishing a certain State road in the counties of Oakland and Genesee, Mr. Otis, 392, 612, 624, 636, 655, 756, 763, 794.
203. An act to vacate certain streets in the town of Lansing, Mr. Winchell, 198, 358, 627, 657, 789, 794.
204. An act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate proceedings in the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, Mr. Carpenter, 242, 254, 365, 405, 611, 625, 663, 664, 687, 719.
205. An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Adrian, approved April 6, 1841, Mr. Dennis, 558, 678, 692, 693, 712, 751, 753, 748, 763.
206. An act to amend chapter 95 of the revised statutes of 1846, Mr. Irvine, 634, 668, 678, 684, 750, 752, 748, 763.
207. An act to vacate the village plat of Centreville, in the township of Royal Oak, in the county of Oakland, Mr. Axford, 545, 546, 650, 659, 685, 749, 752, 748, 763.
208. An act to change the name of Ervin Eugene Bidler, Mr. Dennis, 254, 428, 438, 459, 709, 710, 748, 763.

209. An act to incorporate the Ypsilanti Woolen Manufacturing Company, in the county of Washtenaw, Mr. Spencer, 231, 247, 427, 436, 709, 710, 748, 763.
210. An act to amend an act to provide for the recording of town plats, and for vacating the same in certain cases, approved April 19, 1839. Mr. J. B. Pierce, 457, 487, 640, 648, 657, 709, 710, 748, 763.
211. An act for the improvement of the Eaton, Barry and Allegan State road, Mr. Ous, 539, 678, 693, 711, 750, 752, 748, 763.
212. An act to attach the county of Huron to Sanilac, for legislative purposes, Mr. Lester, 79, 102, 136, 137, 144, 709, 710, 747, 763.
213. An act to supply certain records in the probate office of the county of Livingston, which have been destroyed by fire, Mr. Dennis, 486, 487, 640, 648, 657, 750, 752, 748, 763.
214. An act to amend an act to provide for the removal of the State Land office to the seat of government, and to revive certain laws relative to the same, Mr. Noyes, 89, 129, 134, 135, 145, 561, 562, 593, 615, 674, 676, 685, 748, 751, 752, 763.
215. An act to vacate the village plat of Royalton, in Berrien county, Mr. Axford, 302, 477, 478, 527, 644, 657, 750, 752, 748, 763.
216. An act to amend chapter 20 of title 5 of the revised statutes of 1846, in reference to deeds on tax sales, Senate, 331, 682, 697, 374.
217. An act to incorporate the Homer and Jonesville Plank Road Company, Senate, 709, 710, 723, 742.
218. An act to incorporate the village of St. Clair, Mr. Morton, 264, 463, 477, 478, 497, 670, 671, 742, 794.
219. An act to form a board of supervisors for the county of Chippewa, Senate, 183, 184, 312, 597, 599, 601, 730, 774.
220. An act to incorporate the Sons of Temperance Hall Association of the city of Detroit, Senate, 547, 548, 564, 679, 693, 712.
221. An act to incorporate the Muskegon Manufacturing Company, Senate, 642, 668, 697, 733.
222. An act to repeal the act incorporating the village of Ann Arbor, Senate, 709, 710, 754.
223. An act extending the time in which the county treasurer of St. Clair county may receive returns of taxes collected by the several town treasurers of the townships of Ira and Clay, for the year 1849, Mr. Britain, 106, 109, 110, 111, 407, 408, 606, 607.
224. An act to provide for the liquidation of a certain demand against the estate of Justus Burdick, deceased, Senate, 642, 680, 698, 731.
225. An act to repeal section 26 of chapter 30 of the revised Statutes of 1846, Senate, 670, 671, 702, 741, 742.

- 226. An act authorizing the board of auditors of the county of Wayne to build certain bridges, Senate, 331, 418, 698, 730, 740, 781.
- 227. An act changing the terms of the county court in the counties of Mackinaw, Sanilac and Lapeer, Senate, 617, 619, 629, 732.
- 228. An act relative to conveyances in the city of Detroit, Senate, 642, 680, 697, 733, 754.
- 229. An act to incorporate the Ypsilanti and Mooreville Plank Road Company, Senate, 671, 680, 698, 731.
- 230. An act to release to Mrs. Margaret Moore the interest of the State in a certain lot in the city of Detroit, Senate, 617, 619, 631, 698, 732.
- 231. An act to change the name of the village of Mt. Pleasant to Long Lake, and to vacate a part of the plat thereof, Senate, 548, 549, 554, 650, 692, 711.
- 232. An act establishing certain roads in the county of Branch, Senate, 164, 195, 239, 240, 243, 676, 688, 711.
- 233. An act requiring the Auditor General of the State to cancel certain securities executed to him under the general banking law, Senate, 548, 549, 602, 603, 678, 692, 711.
- 234. An act to incorporate the Kalamazoo and Breedsville Plank Road Company, Senate, 578, 603, 678, 692, 710.
- 235. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, passed April 1, A. D. 1840, Senate, 548, 549, 564, 679, 695, 696, 712, 725.
- 236. An act to incorporate the Walker and Vergennes Plank Road Company, Senate, 556, 564, 679, 693, 700.
- 237. An act to vacate a portion of a certain street in the village of Owasso, in the county of Shiawassee, Mr. Martin, 497, 553, 650, 659, 686, 750, 752, 768.
- 238. An act to repeal act No. 105 of the session of A. D. 1840, and to establish the dividing line between the townships of China and St. Clair in the county of St. Clair, Mr. Axford, 516, 558, 748, 750, 752, 763.
- 239. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Hillsdale, approved March 16, 1847, Mr. Gidley, 564, 644, 657, 751, 753, 748, 763.
- 240. An act to incorporate the Grand Rapids Manufacturing Company, Mr. Morton, 274, 423, 438, 460, 748, 751, 753, 763.
- 241. An act to legalize certain highways in the townships of Groveland and Holly, in the county of Oakland, Mr. Otis, 339, 640, 647, 656, 750, 752, 748, 763.
- 242. An act to amend chapter 35 of the revised statutes of 1846, Mr. Colvin, 400, 486, 640, 657, 750, 752, 748, 763.
- 243. An act to incorporate the Clinton Institute, Mr. Stockton, 551, 555, 679, 694, 748, 751, 753, 763.
- 244. An act to incorporate the Union Hall Association of the city of Monroe, Mr. Morton, 587, 678, 679, 693, 710, 751, 753, 748, 763.

245. An act to amend an act to incorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and the acts amendatory thereto, Senate, 447, 451, 495, 628, 640, 646, 647, 657, 707, 708, 724, 725, 746, 747.
246. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Ann Arbor, Senate, 755, 746, 761, 769, 783.
247. An act to incorporate the city of Grand Rapids, Senate, 642, 668, 697, 732.
248. An act to authorize Thomas Curtis, Thomas Seeley and their associates to construct a race for mill purposes, Mr. Dennis, 405, 627, 623, 811.
249. An act to authorize Adeline, Sarah Ann, James, George and Silas Whitaker, of the county of Oakland, to convey certain real estate, Mr. Snow, 491, 496, 543, 544, 559, 772, 774, 788, 810.
250. An act to locate the county seat of the county of Sanilac, and for other purposes, Mr. Axford, 319, 593, 755, 756, 788, 810.
251. An act to provide for the location of the seat of justice in the county of Kent, Mr. Axford, 303, 544, 559, 750, 752, 788, 811.
252. An act to provide for the improvement of a certain State road leading from Lansing in the county of Ingham, passing through the villages of Charlotte and Bellevue, in the county of Eaton, to the village of Battle Creek in the county of Calhoun, Mr. Otis, 392, 679, 695, 712, 750, 752, 810.
253. An act to vacate the village plat of New Milwaukie City, in the township of Birchville in the county of St. Clair, Mr. Chamberlin, 581, 600, 733, 772, 774, 788, 810.
254. An act to authorize Nathan Curtis Galpin to convey certain real estate, Mr. Cartter, 522, 523, 543, 544, 559, 772, 774, 788, 810.
255. An act to amend an act entitled an act to lay out a State road in the counties of Montcalm and Kent, approved March 27, 1848, Mr. Beers, 386, 444, 626, 627, 636, 756, 757, 788, 811.
256. An act to alter the township line between Springwells and Greenfield, in the county of Wayne, Mr. Otis, 580, 600, 697, 734, 772, 774, 788, 810.
257. An act to amend act No. 158, session laws of 1849, entitled an act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a road leading from Paw Paw to Breedsville, in Van Buren county, Mr. Otis, 496, 640, 647, 657, 750, 752, 789, 812.
258. An act to provide for altering the State road in the township of Moscow, county of Hillsdale, Mr. Otis, 555, 678, 693, 712, 770, 752, 789, 812.
259. An act to amend chapter 23 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to highway taxes, Mr. Roberts, 706, 728, 742, 772, 774, 788, 812.
260. An act to revive and continue in force certain sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trenton and Ypsilanti Plank Road Company, Mr. Hudson, 212, 228, 692, 757, 812.

261. An act to amend an act to provide for the collection of a special tax for the improvement of the Territorial or Vistula road, in the counties of Lenawee and Hillsdale, approved March 17, 1847, Mr. Otis, 455, 612, 624, 636, 756, 757, 811.
262. An act to authorize the commissioners of highways of the township of Plainfield in the county of Kent, to alter a certain State road, Mr. Otis, 444, 626, 627, 628, 636, 637, 656, 657, 811.
263. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Ypsilanti, and the act or acts amendatory thereto, Mr. Morton, 254, 428, 437, 438, 460, 475, 491, 591, 592, 622, 623, 709, 710, 789, 811.
264. An act to authorize George W. Murdock to convey certain real estate, Mr. Britain, 226, 423, 445, 543, 544, 559, 772, 774, 789, 811.
265. An act to authorize Alonzo Bennett, guardian of certain minors, to convey real estate, Mr. Dennis, 369, 543, 544, 559, 772, 774, 788, 811.
266. An act to authorize Jane Kellogg and Edwin Kellogg, to convey certain real estate, Mr. Kellogg, 400, 456, 542, 544, 559, 755, 756, 788, 811.
267. An act to provide for laying out certain State roads in the county of Berrien, Mr. Otis, 546, 651, 659, 685, 750, 752, 788, 811.
268. An act to incorporate the Almont Young Men's Society, Mr. Strowbridge, 397, 405, 406, 655, 672, 685, 751, 753, 788, 811.
269. An act to vacate a portion of the village of Grand River City, in the county of Eaton, Mr. Dennis, 554, 678, 693, 710, 750, 752, 789, 811.
270. An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for funding the outstanding internal improvement warrants of this State, and also for liquidating and funding the amount of principal and interest actually due upon the part-paid five million loan bonds, approved April 1, 1848, Senate, 617, 619, 696, 733, 734.
271. An act to amend section 1, chapter 95, title 21, of the revised statutes of 1846, Senate, 755, 756, 762, 770, 782, 783.
272. An act to amend section 42 of title 3 of the revised statutes, Senate, 86, 87, 101, 360, 388, 419, 445, 446, 663.
273. An act to authorize Harriet J. Sergeant, Caroline Beckwith and Olive E. Carter to convey certain real estate, Mr. Britain, 621, 629, 697, 732, 773, 774, 788, 811.
274. An act to incorporate the St. Joseph Rail Road Company, Mr. Britain, 423, 495, 527, 591, 611, 623, 755, 756.
275. An act to amend chapters 39 and 171 of the revised statutes of 1849, Senate, 749, 751, 762, 770, 783.
276. An act to authorize William F. Mosely to dispose of certain real estate, Senate, 749, 751, 762, 769, 770, 783.

277. An act for the relief of Wedworth W. Clark, survivor of the late firm of P. & J. J. Godfroy & Co., Senate, 749, 751, 761, 769, 795.
278. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Genesee County Plank Road Company, Senate, 447, 451, 495, 524, 709, 710, 746, 769, 796.
279. An act to incorporate the Forest Mining Company of Michigan, Senate, 617, 619, 641, 698, 731, 778.
280. An act to incorporate the Piscataqua Mining Company of Michigan, Senate, 606, 607, 614, 641, 697, 731, 778.
281. An act to amend an act to consolidate the laws in relation to county courts, and for other purposes, Mr. Dennis, 114, 232, 505, 654, 663, 664, 741, 807.
282. An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish an asylum for the deaf and dumb and blind, and also an asylum for the insane of the State of Michigan, and the acts amendatory thereto, Senate, 548, 549, 563, 650, 659, 758, 759.
283. An act to vacate a part of the village plat of the village of Dundee, Mr. Morton, 108, 418, 626, 627, 636, 755, 756, 758, 812, 809.
284. An act to authorize the First Presbyterian Church of Niles to make a certain bond and mortgage, Mr. Britain, 397, 627, 636, 756, 757, 812, 809.
285. An act to authorize the township of Baltimore in the county of Barry to take stock in the Battle Creek and Hastings Plank Road Company, Mr. Barlow, 621, 629, 696, 706, 730, 773, 774, 812, 809.
286. An act to authorize Reuben Perryne and David Perryne to build a dam across Grand River in the county of Eaton, Mr. Montgomery, 373, 553, 692, 711, 773, 774, 812, 809.
287. An act to incorporate the village of Battle Creek, Mr. Hussey, 357, 679, 694, 712, 755, 756, 812, 814.
288. An act to incorporate the Copper Harbor Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 443, 597, 599, 601, 658, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 812, 814.
289. An act relative to James Seymour's dam at Flushing, Mr. Dennis, 193, 389, 398, 399, 751, 752, 753, 812, 814.
290. An act to incorporate the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company, Mr. Morton, 614, 697, 733, 773, 774, 795, 812, 814.
291. An act to authorize Prudence Kent and Francis S. Warner, of Shiawassee county, to convey real estate, Mr. Martin 332, 370, 542, 544, 559, 772, 774, 813, 814.
292. An act to amend certain sections of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841, Senate, 642, 655, 692, 697, 734, 813, 814.
293. An act to incorporate the Northern Michigan Telegraph Company, Mr. Stockton, 622, 629, 697, 732, 773, 774, 813, 814.

294. An act to incorporate the Cleveland Iron Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 443, 597, 599, 601, 658, 705, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 813, 814.
295. An act to provide for the appraisal of certain lands in Berrien co. Mr. Britain, 593, 594, 603, 696, 699, 711, 755, 756, 813, 814.
296. An act to provide for the sale of a site to school district number five in the township of Tecumseh, for a school house, Mr. Clarke, 668, 698, 731, 775, 776, 813, 814.
297. An act to authorize James Shepherd, guardian of Esther Ann Shepherd, to convey certain real estate, Mr. Dennis, 496, 543, 544, 559, 773, 774, 813, 814.
298. An act to authorize Delia C. Cole, Charles Henry Cole, and Mariett Lavinia Cole to convey certain real estate, Mr. Gidley, 557, 678, 692, 710, 773, 774, 813, 814.
299. An act to amend the revised statutes relative to the support of primary schools and the custody of township libraries, Mr. Clarke, 628, 664, 665, 666, 685, 750, 752, 813, 814.
300. An act to provide for the better management and care of the State Library, Mr. Movius, 506, 640, 646, 655, 672, 673, 684, 685, 723, 778, 796, 797, 813, 816.
301. An act to establish a police court in the city of Detroit, Senate, 749, 751, 769, 770, 793.
302. An act to enable Milton H. Butler to convey certain real estate, Mr. Stockton, 408, 418, 543, 559, 772, 774, 813, 816.
303. An act to incorporate the Eureka Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Irvine, 656, 658, 659, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 813, 816.
304. An act to authorize William Wells, administrator, and Catharine Cusick, administratrix, of the estate of Clark S. Cusick, to convey certain real estate, Mr. Dennis, 368, 369, 543, 544, 582, 772, 773, 813, 816.
305. An act to incorporate the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 293, 597, 599, 601, 657, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 821, 816.
306. An act to incorporate the Lawrence Literary Institute Association, Mr. Hayden, 357, 381, 655, 663, 665, 687, 751, 752, 821, 816.
307. An act to provide for the publication of certain laws, Mr. Movius, 557, 603, 650, 678, 687, 692, 711, 750, 752, 789, 796, 797, 813, 816.
308. An act to incorporate the Niles Union Hall Association, Mr. Britain, 423, 533, 640, 647, 657, 677, 707, 730, 773, 774, 813, 816.
309. An act relative to the New Buffalo and Laporte Plank Road Company, Mr. Britain, 768, 769, 781, 796, 797, 813, 816.
310. An act to amend act No. 188, session laws of 1849, entitled an act to provide for laying out a State Road from Ohio, north to the village of Hudson, approved March 31, 1849, Mr. Otis, 264, 493, 494, 617, 619, 813, 816.
311. An act to incorporate the Hungarian Mining Company of Mich.

- igan, Mr. Roberts, 293, 597, 599, 601, 657, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 821, 816.
312. An act for the relief of the county of Chippewa, Mr. Roberts, 706, 728, 741, 742, 759, 796, 797, 713, 816.
313. An act to incorporate the Adventure Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 293, 597, 599, 601, 658, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 786, 800, 801, 813, 816.
314. An act to incorporate the St. Mary's Academy, at the village of Bertrand in Berrien county, Mr. Britain, 423, 538, 640, 647, 657, 677, 751, 753, 760, 777, 821, 816.
315. An act to incorporate the Mount Clemens and Lenox Plank Road Company, Mr. Stockton, 644, 652, 698, 731, 773, 774, 821, 816.
316. An act to incorporate the Iron City Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 443, 597, 599, 601, 658, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 813, 816.
317. An act to provide for the collection and payment of taxes assessed upon sold and part paid for University and Primary School lands, Mr. Dennis, 77, 135, 136, 683, 696, 734, 773, 774, 821,
318. An act to incorporate the Carp River Iron Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 293, 597, 599, 601, 658, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 821,
319. An act amendatory to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Flint and Saginaw Navigation Company, approved May 13, 1846, Mr. McCarty, 656, 701, 742, 773, 774, 821, 817.
320. An act to require the payment of money, warrants &c., in the hands of the late treasurer of the township of Mayfield, to the treasurer of the county of Lapeer, and for other purposes, Senate, 764, 769, 795.
321. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit and Howell Plank Road Company, approved April 3, 1848, Senate, 749, 752, 761, 769, 795.
322. An act to incorporate the Homer and Union City Plank Road Company, Senate, 749, 751, 761, 770, 796.
323. An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter one hundred and six of title twenty-two of the revised statutes. Senate, 749, 751, 762, 769, 796, 807.
324. An act to incorporate the Merchants' Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Quackenboss, 296, 304, 597, 658, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 821, 822.
325. An act to incorporate the Chesapeake Mining Company of Michigan, Senate, 519, 522, 540, 658, 713, 729, 761, 774, 800, 801.
326. An act to incorporate the Swamscot Mining Company of Michigan, Senate, 617, 619, 641, 697, 731.
327. An act authorizing the State Treasurer to subscribe for certain telegraph stock, Senate, 775, 776, 778, 779, 798, 799.
328. An act to provide for repairing Senate Chamber and Hall of House of Representatives, Mr. Dennis, 797, 798, 799, 817, 818.

- 329. An act for the relief of Thomas N. Bartlett, Senate, 749, 751, 761, 769, 798, 810.
- 330. An act in relation to suits in chancery, Senate, 755, 756, 762, 769, 783.
- 331. An act to authorize Philip Winegar, guardian of certain minors, to convey real estate, Senate, 772, 774, 798, 799.
- 332. An act to incorporate the Gape Mining Company of Michigan, Senate, 765, 769, 795.
- 333. An act to regulate and fix the prices to be paid for State Printing, and for other purposes, Mr. Dennis, 727, 798, 799, 817, 821.
- 334. An act to amend chapter 91 of title 21 of the revised statutes of 1846, Senate, 755, 756, 762, 783.
- 335. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Corunna and Saginaw Plank Road Company, Senate, 749, 752, 761, 769, 795.
- 336. An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell certain University lands, approved February 9, 1849, Senate, 709, 710, 745, 769, 795.
- 337. An act to amend an act entitled an act to grant to school districts and religious denominations of professing christians suitable grounds in the town of Michigan, owned by the State, whereon to erect houses for public worship, and school houses, Senate, 548, 549, 679, 695, 720, 728, 729, 785, 798, 799.
- 338. An act to incorporate the Aztec Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 209, 291, 597, 599, 601, 658, 713, 821, 822.
- 339. An act to incorporate the Cass River Navigation Company, Senate, 818, 822.
- 340. An act authorizing the State Treasurer to refund certain moneys to the treasurers of the counties of Houghton, Schoolcraft, Marquette and Ontonagon, Mr. Irvine, 809, 810, 818, 821, 822.
- 341. An act to incorporate the Ripley Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 293, 597, 599, 601, 658, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 821, 822.
- 342. An act to incorporate the Ridge Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 209, 291, 597, 599, 601, 658, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 821, 822.
- 343. An act to incorporate the Peninsular Mining Company of Michigan, Mr. Roberts, 293, 597, 599, 601, 658, 713, 729, 765, 766, 771, 800, 801, 821, 822.
- 344. An act to provide for the laying out of a certain State road, Mr. Beers, 622, 626, 627, 636, 732, 755, 756, 821, 822.
- 345. An act making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year eighteen hundred and fifty, Mr. Irvine, 770, 798, 800, 817, 818, 821, 822.
- 346. An act making appropriations for the salaries of State officers for the year eighteen hundred and fifty, Mr. Britain, 768, 769, 781, 782, 819, 821, 822.

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- Bill to authorize the supervisors of the township of Ypsilanti to convey real estate, Mr. Movius, 28, 43.
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- to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors, Mr. Leach, 166, 434, 562, 612, 640, 645, 646, 655, 689, 690, 691, 712, 760, 753, 779, 780.
- to authorize the erection of county work houses, and for the correction and punishment of vagrants and other persons, Mr. Clarke, 174, 312, 562, 563, 584.
- to incorporate the St. Josephs Beneficial Society of Detroit, Mr. Carpenter, 185.
- to change the name of Kinderhook in Branch county, Mr. Colvin, 187, 356.
- to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Michigan Southern Rail Road Company to repair their road with T rail, approved March 31, 1849, Senate, 241, 260.
- relative to certain non-resident highway taxes in the township of Delhi, in Ingham county, Mr. Dennis, 247, 426, 427, 435, 775.
- to establish school district No. 11 in Groveland and Holley. Oakland county, Senate, 749, 752, 790, 791.
- to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved March 17 1847, Mr. Dennis, 265, 482, 493, 750, 752, 757, 758, 777, 817.
- to provide for letting the State printing to contract, and to repeal act No. 74, session laws of 1849, entitled an act relative to State printing, Mr. Carpenter, 267, 428, 471, 472, 507, 533, 534, 535, 536.
- to vacate the county seat of the county of Shiawassee, and to re-locate the same, Mr. Scott, 274, 315, 316, 452, 491, 492, 493, 531.
- to provide for refunding to David W. Noyes, certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office, Mr. Cartter, 314, 542, 543, 591, 624, 649, 650.
- to provide for refunding to Loren Andrews certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office, Mr. Cartter. 314, 542, 543, 591, 624, 649, 650.
- to provide for refunding to Joseph Miller certain moneys paid by him to the Commissioner of the Land Office, Mr. Cartter. 314, 542, 543, 591, 624, 649, 650, 655, 656.
- to authorize the removal of the bodies of persons buried in a certain burial ground in the town of Flushing, Mr. Abbott, 331, 369.

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- to encourage emigration, Senate, 347, 358, 452, 467, 468, 469, 470, 607, 608, 609, 610.
- to amend chapter 23, R. S., 1846, Mr. Otis, 60, 90, 91, 117, 654, 663, 665, 694.
- to exempt property along line of plank roads from highway tax in certain cases, Mr. King, 423, 454, 455.
- to organize certain townships in the county of Chippewa, Mr. Roberts, 423, 474, 477, 478.
- to authorize the Governor to sell certain real estate, Mr. Britain, 435, 457, 542, 544, 560, 561, 582, 595.
- to incorporate the Detroit and Newport Plank Road Company, Senate, 447, 465.
- to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Genesee Plank Road Company, Senate, 447, 451, 561, 585, 599, 807.
- to incorporate the Grand Blanc Plank Road Company, Mr. Abbott, 456, 526.
- to organize a certain township in Saginaw county, Mr. McCarty, 459.
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- to incorporate the Ada and Grand Rapids Plank Road Company, Senate, 504, 505.
- to provide for taxing foreign corporations, Senate, 519, 522, 777.
- to establish police regulations for preservation of property along the line of railroads, &c., Senate, 520, 522, 547, 696, 698, 699, 710.
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- to amend an act for the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanic arts, Mr. Renwick, 408, 417, 627, 636, 775.
- to authorize the appointment of an injunction master in chancery, in Lenawee, Shiawassee and Saginaw, Senate, 749, 751, 762, 769, 795.
- for the relief of the several school districts in Camden, Hillsdale county, 443, 444, 819, 820.
- to protect citizens against the demands of slaveholders, in the arrest of fugitive slaves, &c., Mr. Hussey, 476, 489, 644, 656.
- to reduce the price of University lands in certain cases, Mr. Noyes, 404, 677, 745, 746, 766, 818, 769.
- to reduce the price of State printing, Mr. Hussey, 787.

- Bill to incorporate the German Society of Saginaw, Mr. Movius, 143, 237, 415, 424, 819, 820.
- to authorize Eric Prince to build a dam across the Thornapple river in the county of Kent, Mr. Strowbridge, 257, 369, 623, 637, 819, 820.
- to revive and continue in force an act to incorporate the St. Mary's Canal Company, approved March 17, 1847, Mr. Roberts, 297, 304, 305, 329, 530, 819, 820.
- to establish a State road from Almont in the county of Lapeer, to Port Huron in the county of St. Clair, Mr. Strowbridge, 127, 428, 438, 819, 820.
- to reduce the price of University lands in Oakland county, in certain cases, Mr. Axford, 720, 769, 810.
- to repeal act 39 of session laws of 1849, Mr. Axford, 249, 427, 471, 678, 683, 686.
- to amend chapter 149 of the revised statutes of 1846, Mr. Strowbridge, 432, 433.
- to amend an act to incorporate the Frederick and Utica Plank Road Company, Mr. Stockton, 491, 495.
- to amend chapter 93, section 85 of the revised statutes, Mr. Kenyon, 127, 171, 226, 232.
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- to enlarge the powers of the Adrian Church Association, Mr. Dennis, 386, 406, 636, 626, 627.
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- to amend an act incorporating the Minnesota Mining Company, Mr. Roberts, 207, 292, 597, 599, 601, 622.
- to amend an act entitled an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, &c., approved March 28, 1849, Mr. Kneeland, 212, 414, 415, 654, 663, 664, 693, 694.
- to repeal certain provisions of law relative to appeal from boards of Supervisors, Mr. Renwick, 151, 356, 385, 663, 664, 685, 775.
- to regulate fee bill of Judge of Probate, Mr. Dennis, 630, 664, 665, 685.
- to amend chapter 27, R. S. of 1846, Mr. Beers, 218, 255, 428, 460, 819, 820.
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- to incorporate a building society, in the city of Detroit, Mr. Gidley, 538, 651, 658, 766.
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to vacate certain streets in the village of Battle Creek, Mr. Hussey, 707, 792, 769, 795.
to incorporate the Michigan Central Telegraph Company, Mr. Morton, 745.
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to change the system, Management, &c., of the State Prison, Mr. Hussey, 726, 746, 758, 760, 795, 819.
to amend an act to incorporate the North American Health Insurance Company, Mr. Stockton, 766, 769, 782, 796, 797.
to authorize the several township treasurers of Hillsdale county to take stock in plank roads, &c., Mr. Mead, 767.
to authorize the transfer of certain records from the county of Berrien to the county of Cass, Mr. Britain. 768, 769, 783.
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